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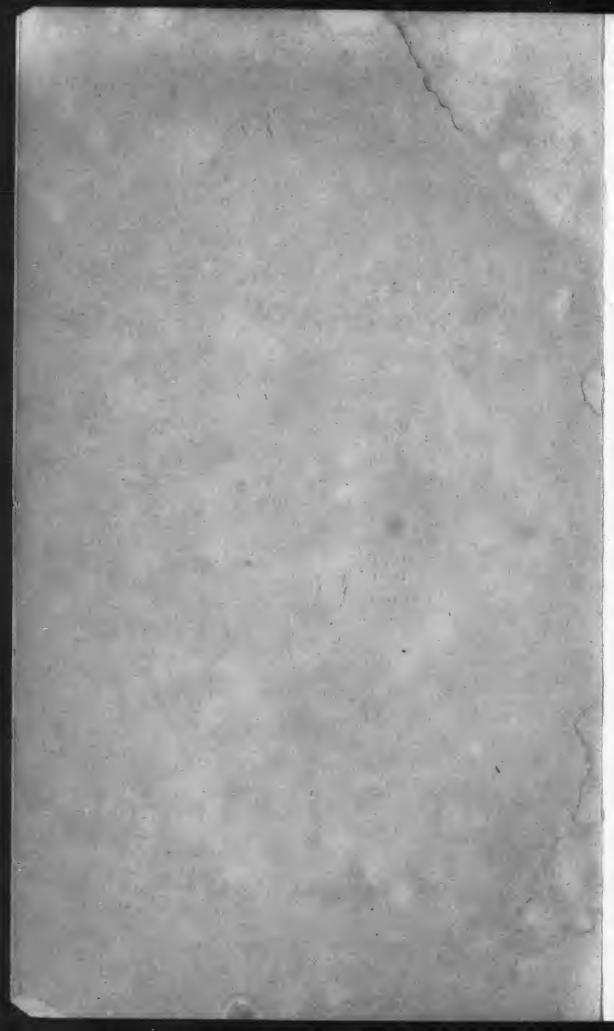
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ADOPTED IN 1869, AND REENACTED IN 1872.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M.

but may alter the time of meeting and adjourning at its discretion.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.

The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but in case of an appeal, the question shall be acclosed by the Conference.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.

5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference requests it.

6. When a motion, resolution or report presented is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before action or amendment.

No new motion or resolution shall be made before the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motion shall have precedence in the order which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, lying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, or amendment.

No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the

President.

No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for

any member who voted in the affirmative to move a reconsideration.

12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without

leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

- 13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
- 14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.

15.

No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of Conference, and when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conterence, except with the consent of the Conference; and shall foward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.

17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided

without debate.

- 18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, ten days in advance, if practicable, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
- When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made to the President of the Conference, who shall pass the name by, to be investigated in secret session, at such time as the Conference may direct.

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- 1. Mature your statistical and other returns before leaving home.
- 2. Report them as soon as you arrive. If you do not expect to arrive early, forward them.
- 3. Report only dollars, if possible, to facilitate committee work.
- 4. Write proper names and figures with extreme care.
- 5. Presiding Elders will please bring to the next session a complete list of local preachers in their districts. Let the report state whether they are merely licensed, or Deacons or Elders. Add their post office addresses.

TO EVERY MEMBER---PERSONAL.

The Secretary, REV. A. EDWARDS, 24 Van Buren Street, Chicago wishes to immediately receive by mail answers to the following. The material is wanted to complete the Register:

- 1. Your name in full.
- 2. Born-where?
- 3. Born-when?
- 4. Admitted into full connection——
 In what Conference?
- 5. When?
- 6. If not originally admitted into Detroit Conference, from what Conference, or other Church, transferred to Detroit Conference?
- 7. When?

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FIRST DAY.

-EAST SAGINAW, Mich., WEDNESDAY, September 4, 1872.

THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH began in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in East Saginaw, Michigan, at nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, September 4, 1872.

Bishop E. R. Ames, presided.

Elijah H. Pilcher, the senior member of the Conference conducted the opening religious services. These consisted of the reading and singing of the seven hundred and eighteenth Hymn; the reading of the Fourteenth Psalm and the Fourth Chapter of First Timothy, and prayer.

Arthur Edwards, Secretary of the Session of 1871, called the roll. All who in the following list are not marked absent, or otherwise, were present.

Note.—The formal roll is chronological, precedence being given to names whose owners first joined Detroit Conference, or its parents, the Michigan and Ohio Conferences. This list is here given alphabetically for convenience of reference. For the chronology involved, see the Register at the close of these Minutes.

Allen Alfred,
Allen Charles T.,
Anderson Charles Miller,
Armstrong John, a.
Arnold John Motte,
Austin Charles William, a.

Ball David Ogden, a.
Balls James,
Barnes Leemon,
Barry Edward,
Bartlett Alanson Roots,
Bancroft John Orlando,

Bell Andrew, a. Benton William Hart, a. Benson William, a. Bessey Samuel, Bigelow William Enos, Bigelow Andrew Jackson, a. Birdsall William, a. Bird Robert, Bird Samuel, Bibbins Samuel, Bibbins Elisha, Blades Francis Asbury, Bourns Alfred Francis, Brown Henry Newton, a. Brown Samuel Joshua, Brockway Edwin Harleigh, Brittain Flavel, Burnett William Q., Calkins Sylvester, a. Camburn Ira Hill, a. Campbell William John, Caster Elisha Ezra, Caster James Harvey, Casler David, Church Charles Lewis, Clough Albert B., Clack William J., Cocker Benjamin F., a. Curtis David A., Clements Samuel, Cordon James Robert, a. Crane Rufus Cullen, a. Crane Rufus Herbert, a. Crippen John Wesley, a. Curnalia James Henry, *DAVIDSON JAMES FRANCIS, Dean Lyman Haynes, a. Dobbins Jacob, a. Donelson Ira W., a. Donnelly William,

Davis George R., a., (in China.) Dunning Walter Edson, Dunlap James A., a. Edwards Arthur, Elwood Isaac Newton, Fair Alexander Scott, Fisk Lewis Ransom, Fox William, Frazee Elias Wetmore, a. Frazer Joseph, Fuller James Madison, Gage Rodney, Gardner Thomas Champin, a. Gee Alexander, Gordon John M., Gray John, a. Goss Joel Byington, Green Nelson, Hammond Daniel Webster, a. Hamilton John, a. Hagadorne Wesley, Hankinson Joseph Thompson, Hascall Erastus R., a. Harding Abel W., Haven Erastus Otis, a. Hazen Albert R., Hedger Benjamin H., a. Hickey Manasseh, Hicks Henry Warren, Higgins Theron Clinton, Hodskiss Harvey, a. Holt Joseph Warren, Hood Hiram, a. Horton Jacob, Houghton Levi Liberty, a. Jacokes Daniel C., Joslin John S., a. Joslin Thomas Jefferson, a. Johnson Isaac, Johnson Peter Ostrander, a.

^{*} Second Senior Member; see "Register."

Kelley John, a. Kilpatrick Jesse, Kitzmiller Samuel, Klumph Erastus, a. Kimmell Samuel Bell, Laing Aaron R., Lee Samuel P., Lee Luther, Lanning Robert Conrad, a. Levington John, Littlefield Solomon S., a. Lowe George Washington, Lyon George Marcius, Mahon William, a. McCarty Joseph H., McClure John H., McConnell Richard, McEldowney John, McIlwaine John A., McIntosh John H., a. Maywood John, Maywood William P., May Franklin Wallace, a. Marksman Peter, a. Mitchell Lewis, a. Morgan Josiah George, Mosher Curtis, Murch Silas P., Newton Newel, Nichols Thomas, Ninde William Xavier, a. Noble James Richard, a. Omans Thomas G., Owen George Washinton, Pardington Raynor S., a. Parker Henry O., a. Parker Jacob E., a. Pearman Elias Elgin, Perrin Oliver Jacob,

Pierce Nathan Wallace, †PILCHER ELIJAH HOLMES, Potter Thomas George, Prindle Elias B., a. Pritchard Benjamin Franklin, Pugh John, Ramsdell Stephen L., a. Reed Seth, Richards Andrew Jackson, a. Richards Ransom R., (deceased.) Russell Jesse Barber, a. Russell John, Riley James, Sanborn Orlando, a. Scott James W., Scott Marvin J., Seeleye Thomas, a. Shaw Addison C., a. Shepard Albert, Shier William Henry, a. Simpson Charles, Smart James Shirley, Stalker Thomas, a. Stowe George, Sutton Joseph Swazey, Steele Ebenezer, Springstein Archibald H., Sparling John George, Smith Henry Harrison, Steer Edward, Taylor Barton S., Taylor George, Taylor William, Tedman Lucius S., a. Triggs Robert, a. Triggs William M., Tracy David Burnham, a. Tuttle William, a. Van Norman Ephriam,

[†] Senior Member; see "Register."

Varnum Joseph Bradley,
Venning James, a.
Warren Frederick Wales, a
Warren Squire Ethan,
Warner Silas Phelps,
Wakelin Thomas,
Washburne William W., a.
Way William Chittenden, a.
Wesley John, a.
Whitmore Orrin,
Whitcomb Alonzo,
Whitcomb John Goss, a.

Whitcomb Lewis Jacob, a.
Wigle Eli,
Wilsey Marcenas B.,
Wilson Andrew William,
Wilson George, a.
Withey James E., a.
Wilkinson Thomas,
Wright Philip, a.
Wood Alva B., a.
Yemans Charles Chester, a.
York Frederick Embry,
York Lodowick C.,

The transfer by Bishop Scott of Francis E. Pierce, a Deacon of the Second Class in good standing in the North Indiana Conference, was presented by Bishop Ames. The name, after being placed upon the roll by order, was called and Brother Pierce, answered "present."

Arthur Edwards was elected Secretary by acclamation, and was authorized to nominate Assistant Secretaries.

The Standing Committees nominated in 1871 were confirmed, with certain modifications, as follows:

Education—John McEldowney, Lewis R. Fisk, L. C York.

Albion College—A. F. Bourns, W. H. Shier, J. Venning. Church Extension—E. H. Pilcher, J. M. Arnold, Wm. Benson,

Periodicals—T. Stalker, J. T. Hankinson, Wm. Donnelly. Bible Cause—T. C. Gardner, Wm. Q. Burnette, W. W. Washburne.

Sunday Schools-Wm. H. Benton, C. M. Anderson, N. Green.

Temperance—J. Russell, J. S. Joslin, J. W. Holt. Conference Stewards—A. J. Bigelow, J. H. McIntosh, D. Casler.

Parsonages-E. Wigle, E. Barry, S. Bird.

Mission Auditors—B. S. Taylor, W. M. Triggs, John Russell.

Missions-The Presiding Elders.

Freedmen-R Bird, W. Hagadorne, H. Hood.

Memoirs—E. H. Pilcher, W. X. Ninde, S. B. Kimmell, I. G. Whitcomb.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—W. J. Campbell, J. Horton, L. S. Tedman.

Statistics-F. E. York, O. Whitmore, E. E. Caster.

Tracts-T. J. Joslin, Jesse Kilpatrick, G. W. Owen.

Committee of Eight on Conference Claims.

Detroit District—T. J. Joslin.

Ann Arbor District-R. S. Pardington.

Adrian District-O. J. Perrin.

Owosso District—S. P. Warner.

Flint District-W. Hagadorne.

Romeo District—B. S. Taylor.

Port Huron District—J. G. Whitcomb.

Lake Superior District—J. H. McClure.

Ministerial Education—E. O. Haven, L. R. Fisk, J. Mc-Eldowney.

Post Offices—Charles Simpson.

To nominate Committees for 1873—E. E. Caster, J. Horton, G. W. Lowe, E. H. Brockway, I. N. Elwood, S. E. Warren, A. R. Bartlett, E. W. Frazee.

Public Worship—M. Hickey, J. M. Fuller, I. N. Elwood Philip Wright.

The Committee on Indebtedness to the Book Concern, whose appointment in each Annual Conference was ordered by the General Conference of 1872, was constituted as follows:

E. H. Pilcher, L. R. Fisk, R. Bird, J. O. Bancroft, O. Whitmore, C. M. Anderson, Wm. Q. Burnett, C. W. Austin.

A circular from the Sunday School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church was received and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

A document from the Book Agents at New York and Cincinnati, relating to the support of the Bishops and containing the apportionment of \$1,500 to be raised by the Detroit Conference, was received and referred to the following select committee: J. S. Smart, J. McEldowney, and J. F. Davidson.

The Conference expressed its unreadiness to transact business according to the new forms ordered by the General Conference of 1872, and resolved to adhere to the old forms during this session.

John M. Arnold presented to the Conference an ingeniously constructed, ornamental and very servicable box to receive the Conference Collections. The box was accepted and a vote of thanks was given to the donor.

The Secretary made formal mention of the fact that the journals and all the papers belonging to the Conference, and in his custody as Secretary, were burned in the "Great Fire" of October 9, 1871. These documents were lost with the Book Depository, 66 Washington street Chicago.

The following Lay Delegates being duly accredited, were reported by the Presiding Elders:

Detroit District—David Preston.

Ann Arbor District—[None appointed.]

Adrian District—Wm. Rhodes, E. D. Allen.

Owosso District——Spencer, W. L. Murphy.

Flint District—B, W. Huston, H. M. Bradley.

Romeo District—Shubal Smith, A. M. Keeler.

Port Huron District—T, S, Skinner, Nelson Mills.

These brethren were added to committees, as follows:

Conference Stewards—Wm. Rhodes, N, Mills,

Albion College-E. D. Allen, Shubal Smith.

Education-B. W. Huston.

Support of the Bishops-H. M. Bradley, E. S. Skinner.

Ministerial Education --- A. M. Keeler.

Missions- B. W. Huston.

Temperance-E. S. Skinner.

It was ordered that the sessions shall begin at half-past eight o'clock, A. M., and end at 12 M.

The Rules of Order in force during the Session of 1871, were adopted to govern this session of 1872.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed on the line between the pulpit side of the windows fourth from the pulpit.

Rev. George Goodson, of the Canada Wesleyan Conference was introduced.

The consideration of the Eleventh Disciplinary Question was taken up. F. A. Blades made a report concerning the Detroit District. The characters of F. A. Blades, W. X. Ninde, J. McEldowney, Wm. H. Shier, E. E. Caster, J. Frazer, W. J. Campbell, Jesse Kilpatrick, E. E. Pearman, J. R. Noble, W. H. Benton, J. G. Morgan, R. Bird, C. Simpson, J. A. McIlwain, J. S. Joslin, J. H. Kilpatrick, J. B. Varnum, T. J. Joslin, T. Nichols, J. S. Sutton and Arthur Edwards, were severally examined and passed.

The character of Samuel Kitzmiller, was passed and he was at his own request, made supernumerary without appointment.

The character of John Russell was passed and the Presiding Bishop was requested to appoint him State Temperance Agent.

J. M. Arnold's character was examined and passed and his appointment as Conference Sunday School Agent was asked for.

The character of C. C. Yemans was examined and passed, and he was granted a location at his own request

When the name of Samuel Clements was called, John Levington presented a paper which was referred to the following special committee which was instructed to examine whether or not there are grounds for trial of the charges against Samuel Clements: William Taylor, A. R. Hazen, J. H. Caster, John Pugh, T. Wakelin. The characters of L. R. Fisk, J. R. Cordon, Thomas Stalker, A. W. Wilson, E. Bibbins, Jacob Horton, D. O. Ball, R. S. Pardington, J. H. Curnalia, S. J. Brown, L. J. Whitcomb, Wm. M. Triggs, J. H. Caster, B. F. Pritchard, D. O. Ball, E. O. Haven, and B. F. Cocker were severally examined and passed.

When the name of John Levington was called, charges against him were presented by Samuel Clements. The papers in the case were referred to the following special committee which was instructed to examine whether or not there are grounds for trial of the accused: Wm. Fox, J. H. McCarty, J. McEldowney.

F. E. Parrish of the Western Book Concern, was introduced.

Notices were given; the Conference adjourned, and the Benediction was pronounced by J. S. Smart.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 5, 1872.

The second day's Session began at half-past eight o'clock A M., Bishop Ames in the Chair.

The opening religious services were conducted by J. F. Davidson, the second oldest member of the Conference.

The roll of absentees from the first day's session were called and the following responded to their names:

John Armstrong,	L. Mitchell,
C. W. Austin,	J. R. Noble,
D. O. Ball,	R. S. Pardington,
Wm. Benson,	H. O. Parker,
A. J. Bigelow,	Jacob E. Parker,
H. N. Brown,	E. B. Prindle,
I. H. Camburn,	A. J. Richards,
R. H. Crane,	. O. Sanborn,
J. W. Crippen.	W. H. Shier,
J. A. Dunlap,	T. Stalker,
E. W. Frazee,	L. S. Tedman,
T. C. Gardner,	D. B. Tracy,
J. Hamilton,	Wm. Tuttle,
B. H. Hedger,	J. Venning,
H. Hodskiss,	F. W. Warren,
H. Hood,	W. W. Washburne
J. S. Joslin,	W. C. Way,
J. Kelley,	John Wesley,
R. C. Lanning,	J. G. Whitcomb,
Wm. Mahon,	G. Wilson,
J. H. McIntosh,	J. E. Withey,
F. W. May,	P. J. Wright,
Peter Marksman,	

The Journal of September 4, was read, amended in minor particulars, and approved.

F. B. Bangs, M. A. Daugherty, and R. Pengelly, all of Michigan Conference; C. H. Fowler, of Rock River Conference, and R. S. Rust, of the Freedmen's Aid Society, were introduced.

At the request of F. A. Blades, the name of J. W. Kermott was substituted for that of David Preston, lay delegate from Detroit district.

Arthur Edwards and J. M. Arnold were appointed a committee to publish the minutes. E. H. Pilcher moved, and it was ordered, that the entire journal be printed.

L. R. Fisk made a report on Ministerial Education, [See Reports A.] which was adopted. Pending the report,

C. H. Fowler, and others, discussed matters touching the Garrett Biblical Institute, and certain propositions in the report relating thereto.

R. Bird from the committee on the Freedmen's Aid Society made a report, pending which R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary of that Society made an address. The report was adopted. [See Reports **B**.]

The consideration of the Eleventh Disciplinary Question was resumed. D. C. Jacokes reported concerning the Adrian District, and his character and those of J. H. McCarty, O. Whitmore, W. W. Washburne, F. W. Warren, N. Newton, G. W. Lowe, O. J. Perrin, S. Bessey, Wm. Taylor, E. VanNorman, J. Venning, W. J. Clack, A. R. Hazen, L. C. York, Wm. C. Way and J. H. McClure, were severally examined and passed.

The death of Ransom R. Richards was announced.

Wm. E. Bigelow reported the Owosso Dirtrict, after which his character, and those of Thomas Wilkinson, A. J. Richards, O. Sanborn, N. W. Pierce, H. Hodskiss, S. Bird, T. G. Omans, James Balls, H. O. Parker, H. W, Hicks, J. F. Davidson, E. H. Brockway, S. P. Warner, R. C. Lanning, J. W. Crippen, E. H. Pilcher, J. W. Scott, A. Allen Wm. Tuttle, and A. B. Clough were examined and passed.

The character of D. W. Hammond was examined and passed and he was granted a superanuated relation at his own request.

After M. Hickey had made a report of Flint District, his character was examined and passed.

Wm. Taylor from the committee in question, made the following report:

The committe to whom was referred the charges brought by Rev. J. Levington against Rev. S. Clements, have carefully examined the documents referred to them and respectfully report that in their judgment there is not sufficient ground for an investigation before a regular court.

The report was adopted, and the character of Samuel Clements was passed.

J. H. McCarty from the committee in question, made the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the papers in the case of Rev. S. Clements against Rev. John Levington have come to the conclusion that there is not sufficient cause to warrant any further investigation.

The report was adopted and John Levington's character was passed.

The characters of T. C. Gardner, Wm. Fox, L. Barnes, T. Wakelin, I. H. Camburn, H. N. Brown, I. N. Elwood, J. M. Fuller, A. J. Bigelow, John Kelley, W. Q. Burnett, W. Hagadorne, J. B. Russell, Geo. Stowe, A. S. Fair, and L. S. Tedman, all effective elders, were examined and passed.

The character of Eli Wigle was examined and passed and he was granted a location at his own request.

S. Reed made a report from the Romeo District, after which his character was examined and passed, as were also those of J. S. Smart, B. S. Taylor, J. Wesley, A. R. Laing, I. Johnson, N. Green, J. E. Withey, J. T. Hankinson, R. Gage, H. Hood, S. E. Warren, G. W. Owen, Wm. Birdsall, and J. O. Bancroft.

The character of Thomas Seeleye was examined and passed and he was granted a superanuate relation at his own request.

The character of John Armstrong was passed and he was granted a location at his own request.

Pending a representation of Port Huron District by T. G. Potter, whose character was passed, the Conference adjourned; notices were given and S. Bessey pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 6, 1872.

The Conference was called to order at half-past eight A. M., by Bishop Ames.

George Taylor conducted the opening religious services. The calling of the roll was dispensed with for the remainder of the Session.

J. H. McCarty moved to reconsider the vote by which the character of John Levington was passed, September 5.

R. Bird's motion to lay this motion to reconsider on the table was lost, and the motion to reconsider prevailed.

F. A. Blades moved that the report of the committee adopted September 5th, to the effect that there are not sufficient grounds of charges against John Levington, be reconsidered

That motion prevailed, and the report was laid on the table for the present.

F. A. Blades moved to reconsider the vote by which the character of Samuel Clements was passed, September 5th. The motion prevailed.

F. A. Blades also moved to reconsider the vote by which the Conference adopted, September 5th, the report of the committee, declaring that there is not sufficient ground for charges against Samuel Clements That motion prevailed.

F. A. Blades moved that the papers in the case against Samuel Clements, be referred for trial to a select committee of fifteen.

J. S. Smart moved as a substitute that the case be heard in the presence of the whole conference.

Richard McConnell moved to lay the substitute offered by J. S. Smart on the table.

The motion to thus lay on the table did not prevail, and J. S Smart's motion did prevail

F. A. Blades moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the committee in the case of John Levington, made September 5th, was laid on the table to-day. The motion to reconsider prevailed.

It was then ordered that the case against John Levington, be heard in the presence of the entire Conference.

J. S. Smart presented a document relating to temperance and Sunday observance. It was received and referred to the committees on those subjects.

The Secretary nominated Wm. C. Way and Andrew W. Wilson, as Assistant Secretaries. The nominations were confirmed by the Conference.

News having been received that our brother, J. R. Cordon, had lost a child, the following resolution of condolence was adopted:

WHEREAS, intelligence has reached us that God in His providence has sorely afflicted our dear brother, Rev. J. R. Cordon, in taking to Himself a lovely child, therefore,

Resolved, That we present to him and his stricken companion, our warmest sympathies in their deep sorrow, and will earnestly pray our Heavenly Father for His sustaining and consoling grace while He causes them to pass through the valley of sorrow.

S. CLEMENTS, J. M. GORDON.

The characters of A. F. Bourns, A. W. Harding, A. R. Bartlett, T. C. Higgins, C. M. Anderson, S. P. Lee, J. W. Holt, R. McConnell, A. H. Springstein, J. G. Whitcomb, G. R. Davis, G. W. Lyon, W. P. Maywood, Wm. Donnelly, and A. Shepard, were examined and passed.

J. M. Gordon, reported the work on Lake Superior District, after which his character together with those of P. Marksman, E. W. Frazee, C. L. Church, F. E. York, S. P, Murch and C. W. Austin were examined and passed.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that it would be to the advantage of our work, not to appoint any brother to the Presiding Eldership for more than four years in succession.

J. S. SMART, WM. TAYLOR.

A report from the trustees of Albion College, was read and referred to the committee on that subject.

A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society was introduced.

The Third Disciplinary Question, was considered. Leander W. Pilcher, an Elder, being properly recommended by the Superintendent of the Mission in Pekin, China, was admitted into full connection.

J. H. Kilpatrick, Charles C. Lee, Horace Palmer and J. L. Walker, having answered the disciplinary questions, were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders.

The Second Question was considered, and Eugene Haanel, John M. Truscott, D. R. Shier, Richard Hudson, Jr., Chas. Locke, D. B. Miller, Edward Foster, Daniel Hall, J. M. Johnson, George Deacon, T. H. Baskerville, D. J. Odell, J. E. Whalen and Albert Hubbell, were continued on trial.

The Fourth Question was considered, and D. Casler, H. H. Smith, W. E. Dunning, John Hamilton, A. B. Wood, Philip J. Wright, J. G. Sparling, S. B. Kimmel, J. A. Dunlap, Edward Steer and James Riley, were continued as Deacons.

The Fifth Question was considered, and C. T. Allen, J. Maywood, Edward Barry, J. H. McIntosh, J. B. Goss, M. J. Scott, Alonzo Whitcomb and Silas P. Murch, were elected to Elders' Orders.

J. Maywood was granted a location at his own request. The Seventh Question was considered, and S. L. Ramsdell, and C. Mosher were continued in their supernumerary relation. Peter O. Johnson, was placed upon the superannuate list, and B. H. Hedger, F. W. May and A. Gee, were made effective.

The time of the session was extended.

It was ordered that when Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at half past two o'clock this afternoon.

The Conference adjourned; notices were given and the Benediction was pronounced by T. Wakelin.

AFTERNOON SESSION—THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 6, 1872.

The Conference met at half past two o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

E. O. Haven occupied the Chair by appointment from Bishop Ames.

L. R. Fisk, conducted the opening religious services.

That portion of the Journal relating to the proceedings of the morning session touching charges against S. Clements and John Levington, was read and approved.

J. S. Smart moved, and it was ordered, that the Conferonce proceed to the trial of the charges against Samuel Clements.

The Secretary read the following charges and specifications:

To the Bishop and Members of the Detroit Annual Conference, in Annual Session, in East Saginaw, September 4, 1872.

Rev. Samuel Clements, of the Detroit Conference, Presiding Elder of Ann Arbor District, is hereby charged as follows:

CHARGE I-LYING.

Specification 1. Saying to the undersigned in the house of John Dean, Detroit, on or about the 7th of September, 1869, "we can't get a place for you."

Specification 2. Saying of the undersigned before the Detroit Annual Conference in Monroe, September, 1871, "he has created disturbance and dissension in the church and in the community, and he has done so persistently."

Specification 3. Saying before the Cabinet during said Conference that "the people of Brighton Village and vicinity were a 'unit or unanimous in their demands for a change of Pastor.'"

Specification 4. Saying before said Conference in Monroe, after charging the undersigned as above, "I brought no charge against him."

CHARGE II-SLANDER.

Specification 1. Falsely and injuriously representing the undersigned as above.

Specification 2. In a letter dated 21st of February, 1872, falsely and injuriously charging the undersigned with "using insulting and abusive language concerning Elias Withey in his presence," and further, charging him, the undersigned, with "hatred, oppression, insolence and outrage towards them, namely, said Withey and his wife; and further, as "giving him (said Withey), no opportunity to speak in class."

Specification 3. The same and similiar charges were repeated in several following letters; also in the parsonage in Brighton, in the presence of Rev. L. J. Whitcomb/and Alpheus Macomber, on the 5th day of April, 1872. When the undersigned complained of his having been tried, condemned and further threatened by him, said Clements, without his having ever once spoken to him or asked him whether those things were so, and added "It is too late to come now and ask me whether these things are so," he (Clements) replied, "I do not now ask you whether the things charged are true," thus repeating all the slander and admitting that he had not and would not ask me if the things charged were true. That he thus wickedly charged and condemned me, contrary to the plain teachings of God's Word and those of the Discipline. I refer to the aforesaid letter of the 21st of February; also to his statements in the presence of the gentlemen just named; and when he made the statement as above, I replied, "Ha, then, I have no more to say."

CHARGE III—PRACTICING DECEPTION AT THE LORD'S TABLE IN THE CHURCH AT BRIGHTON, FEBRUARY 18, 1872.

Specification. The deception was practiced for the injury of the undersigned in this way: Knowing what he did, he, the undersigned, could not administer the Sacrament of the Supper to Elias Withey hence, on the Saturday evening, after the prayer meeting, he took said Clements one side the altar and stated the fact to him, adding; "It is simply a matter of conscience—a matter of right with me; and I mention it to you that you may order the matter in the best way." To which he replied, "I can manage that. I'll administer at one side and you at the other." To which I simply replied, "very well." He further remarked, "the Lord administered the Sacrament to Judas." On the Sabbath morning, after the love feast, as we sat in the pulpit before preaching, he pointed to the side of the altar at which I was to administer, to which I simply bowed assent. When the time came, instead of being satisfied with giving the regular call of the church, he described several characters, saying of each, " I would administer the Sacrament to that person," at one time adding, "I would do so because Jesus gave himself for him, and that is a greater gift than the supper." He finally described a weeping penitent seeking the Saviour and coming to him and asking the Sacrament, and then added: "I would administer the supper to that person." As he uttered the last words, I responded in a deliberate and solemn tone, "so would I."

I had not told the matter to any one but Clements. He had told it not only to the individual named, but also to others, all of whom were seen to go to his side of the altar. Hence to them the idea was conveyed that I had refused to administer the supper to a "weeping penitent seeking the Saviour," and against this artful insinuation I defended myself by the response above specified.

CHARGE IV—TEACHING GRAVE ERROR AT THE SACRAMENTAL ALTAR ON THE 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1872.

Specification. Saying, "I would give the Sacrament to him because Christ gave himself for him, and that is a greater gift than the supper," thereby teaching that all for whom Christ died have a right to the supper, and we know He died for all; therefore, by his own showing, he would give the supper to the worst as well as to the best.

CHARGE V-WICKED AND TYRANNICAL RULE.

Specification 1. Interfering with the pastoral duties and rights of the undersigned by attempting to force him to administer the Sacrament of the Supper contrary to his conscience, the Bible and the Book of Discipline.

Specification 2. Dictating what and how he shall speak to the different members of his flock.

Specification 3. Interfering with his natural rights as a citizen of the world by dictating to whom and how he shall speak "on the street, in the common walks of life, in business," etc. That is, when and to whom he shall take off his hat. (See letter and charges.)

Specification 4. Arresting the course of truth and justice and removing the pastor from his charge to this end; and to this day he has not returned him thereto.

See his letter of the 5th of April, 1872, and the pastor's protest thereto.

Specification 5. Dividing the Brighton charge without consulting with the pastor or the official Board, or once saying to either that he had done so.

CHARGE VI—BEING IN ACTIVE COMBINATION WITH THE ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR FOR THE INJURY OF BOTH, AND THAT FOR A LONG TIME.

Specification 1. All his letters and acts already referred to.

Specification 2. The charges preferred against the undersigned and the iniquitous manner in which he took and recorded the testimony of Elias Withey.

Specification 3. His secret and iniquitous efforts in getting up those charges and obtaining signatures thereto.

Specification 4. His secret letter to Everett Wilson, March 13, 1872, and his letter to Henry Sowle about the same time.

(Signed)

JOHN LEVINGTON.

BRIGHTON, July 20, 1872.

It was ordered that L. R. Fisk, John Russell and D. R. Shier, the latter a probationer in the Conference, be allowed to aid S. Clements in his defence.

- A. R. Bartlett moved that some one be authorized to prosecute the case on behalf of the Conference. This motion was laid on the table.
- S. Clements being called upon to make his plea responded as follows: *Not guilty*.

The first specification of charge first was read and John Levington presented himself as a witness.

He deposed thus:

In the house of John Dean, Detroit, on or about the 17th of September, 1869, Rev. Samuel Clements came to me saying he had a message from the Cabinet, and this is the message, "The Cabinet requests you to locate, superannuate, or take a supernumerary relation, which you please, they are unanimous in it." I replied, "Tell them for me I will do neither one or the other, I am not a superannuated man, I will take no responsibility in the matter, they must take the responsibility." After some further remarks, he said, "we cannot get a place for you." I said, "my dear sir, that will not do, I have calls from places all over." He then requested me to mention some of them. I did so, specially remarking, "Bro. Waring from Ridgeway, no longer ago than yesterday, spoke to me in the street, and urged me to go to his place."

CROSS-EXAMINED—Question—Will the witness tell whether he mentioned to Clements any other place than Ridgeway?

Answer - I did. Chelsea.

Question.—Any others?

Answer.-I do not think of any I then named.

Question.—Did you say that Bro. Clements said he had been sent to you by the Cabinet?

Answer.-I did.

Question.—Had you not reason to believe that he was so sent?

Answer.—I so understood at the time.

Question .- Do you so still think?

Answer.—Yes.

It was here moved and seconded that some person be appointed as prosecutor, in behalf of the Conference. The Chair decided that the motion was out of order.

A motion was made to reconsider the previous vote by which the motion to appoint a prosecutor in behalf of the Conference was laid upon the table.

A motion to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, did not prevail, and the motion to reconsider did prevail.

The motion to appoint some one to prosecute the case in behalf of the Conference, was then again laid on the table.

The testimony was then resumed:

Question.—Which Bro. Waring do you mean? Answer.—Joshua Waring.

The second specification was then read.

J. Levington as a witness adduced his evidence as contained in the second specification.

Bro. Clements said: "He has created disturbance and dissention in the church and in the community and he has done so persistently."

CROSS-EXAMINED.—Question.—Are you sure that is the exact language Bro. Clements employed on that occasion?

Answer.—I wrote it down here and I am as confident as I can be that these are the very words.

Question.—Did Bro. Clements in making the remarks just said to have been made, speak officially as Presiding Elder of the District?

Answer.—I knew he was Presiding Elder, and I said this.

Question.—Did he say this officially while representing this district or in random remarks before the Conference?

Answer.—I think he was representing the charge.

The third specification was then read.

It was moved to waive the third specification. A substitute that the whole case be postponed was laid on the table, and the motion to waive the third specification was withdrawn.

J. Levington said that he had testimony in the person of O. K. VanAmberg, but he was absent.

The fourth specification was then read.

J. Levington testified:

I heard him say what is therein charged; "I brought no charge against him;" and after a committee had been appointed to investigate the charges brought against him.

CROSS-EXAMINED—Question.—Have you a copy of these charges?

Answer.—He never handed me a copy of them.

Question.—Were there ever written charges made against you?

Answer.—No.

Question.—Have you any reason to believe there were any such written charges?

Answer.-I knew of none.

Question.—(By W. H. Shier) Were these charges a part of the regular report made by the Presiding Elder?

Answer.—He said this as Presiding Elder, I think.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

The second charge was read, and the first specification under that charge was dismissed.

A motion to dismiss the second specification under the second charge was made, discussed, and withdrawn.

To substantiate this second specification the following letter was presented:

ANN ARBOR, Feb. 21, 1872.

Rev. John Levington:

DEAR BROTHER—On Monday morning after your quarterly meeting, to wit, on the 19th inst., Brother Elias Withey, a member of the church in good standing on your charge, made a verbal complaint to me that you did not treat him in a kind and brotherly manner; that you would not speak to or notice him or his wife, as you casually met either of them upon the street, or anywhere in the ordinary walks of life, and that your manner towards them indicates a feeling of very strong aversion if not positive hatred; that in class meeting when you lead, you pass him by, giving him no opportunity to speak; and that at least in one instance, where another person led the class, you used insulting and abusive language concerning him in his presence, and that he feels your course toward him to be exceedingly trying and oppressive.

The facts set forth in this complaint had been stated to me pre

viously by several brethren. After it was made, I did not see and converse with you personally, because I was undecided as to my duty in the premises. I have since consulted friends, and after much thought concluded what line of conduct my official relation requires.

A member of our church has by virtue of his membership certain rights which are sacred, and in which he must be protected. Among these is his right to be courteously and kindly treated by all his fellow members, his right to attend class meeting and to have the same privileges awarded to him while there that are given to others, to have his feelings respected and to be secure from insolence and the outrage of his feelings.

Your course toward Bro. Withey, as represented to me by him and several other brethren, is indefensible upon any correct principals of Christian fraternity, and is most mischievous in its tendency. It can but work evil, and only evil, and I hope you will desist from it at once. It is not for any man to say who is worthy of membership in the church. The Discipline designates the tribunal which is to decide all questions of worthiness where complaint is made against a brother. Its decisions are final so far as pastoral administration is concerned and must be respected.

Bro. Withey was honorably acquitted after a fair and impartial trial; he must be protected in his rights as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in good standing.

Hoping that what I have said will commend itself to your judgment and conscience, I remain as ever,

Yours very truly, S. CLEMENTS, P. E.

The defense objected to the relevancy of the testimony, but it was finally admitted by the court.

The third specification was then read, and to substantiate it the following letter was offered by J. Levington. Pending the reading of the letter, a motion to adjourn to seven and a half o'clock was laid on the table.

A motion to adjourn was lost. The letter was then read by the Secretary:

ANN ARBOR, March 27, 1872.

Rev. John Levington:

DEAR BROTHER—Your favor of the 25th inst. is before me. I have read it over repeatedly and carefully, and pondered it as deeply as I am capable of doing. And I confess to a feeling of surprise and pain at some things you say and at the spirit of your letter.

My feelings toward you are kind, always have been, and as God gives me grace they always shall be; but I cannot approve of your course in many particulars; in some I think you decidedly and unquestionably wrong. In respect to these, however reluctant I may feel to refer to them in my intercourse with you on mere personal grounds, because of the pain such reference may give you, my official relations and duties will not allow me to ignore them, though it may give us both pain.

You use the term "game" in your letter, as though you did not understand me and was suspicious of me. I have no "game." I simply try to do my duty in a plain, straightforward manner. I beg to refer you to the Discipline, Part III, chapter I, section I, question 2, as the basis and rule of my action.

[Note.—Mr. Clements explained to the court that his figures in this reference are incorrect.]

From motives of delicacy and courtesy, I did not threaten you, and shall not, but I shall do my duty as I understand it, to the best of my ability. I informed you in my letter of the 21st of February why I did not see and converse with you personally on the 19th.

The facts that were the basis of Brother Withey's complaint were told to me by at least six members of the church. I believed them and do still, hence as the Discipline requires, I administered a reprehension. I am informed that you continue the same course toward the brother. I now wish to see you, just as the Discipline requires, and for the purpose therein stated. I have no concealment. Then if the offensive practices continue, I shall refer them with the proof, to the Conference, and my official duty is done. I would do just so to the best friend I have on earth under like circumstances.

I am responsible to the Conference, both for what I do and for what I neglect, and if any brother thinks I do wrong, or neglect to do what I ought, I will have no ill feelings toward him if he brings the facts before the Conference in order that any wrong may be corrected.

I will be in Brighton, Divine Providence permitting, accompanied by one or two ministerial brethren, for the purpose of seeing and conversing with you on the subject matter of Brother Withey's complaint, on Friday, the 5th of April next, sometime during the forenoon, unless you inform me that you will not see me. If such shall be your purpose, please write me as soon as practicable.

Yours very truly, S. CLEMENTS, P. E.

L. J. Whitcomb was called as a witness for the prosecution.

Question.—Did I (Levington) complain that he (Clements) had never asked me whether these things are so?

Objection was made to the question by counsel for the defense on the ground that it was a leading question.

The witness then testified:

"While there I heard nothing that would bear on the case."

J. Levington objected to the testimony on the ground that it was the witness' opinion.

The Conference at this point adjourned. F. A. Blades pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 7, 1872.

The Conference met at half-past eight A. M., Bishop Ames in the Chair. S. Reed conducted the opening religious worship.

The remainder of the Journal of the morning session, September 6th, was read and approved, as was also the Journal of the afternoon session of the same day.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That we regretted the transfer of Rev. J. C. Wortley from our Conference, and now most cordially and affectionately invite him to return and make this Conference his permanent home.

J. M. ARNOLD, L. R. FISK. A resolution inviting the transfer of Eli Westlake from Michigan Conference was also passed.

J. S. Sutton, E. W. Frazee and J. W. Johnson were added to the Committee on Statistics.

The chairman of the Committee on Statistics was authorized to reject all statistics not reported before two o'clock to-day, September 7th.

E. H. Pilcher, J. McEldowney and J. S. Smart were appointed a commission to take testimony in the pending case *versus* J. Levington.

The Eighth Question was considered and A. C. Shaw, M. B. Wilsie, J. E. Parker, L. H. Dean, Wm. Mahon, L. Mitchell, R. Triggs, A. Bell, J. Gray, E. B. Prindle, John Pugh, J. Dobbins, I. W. Donelson, D. B. Tracy, George Wilson, S. Calkins, E. R. Hascall, R. C. Crane, G. Taylor, S. S. Littlefield, E. Klumph, Wm. Benson, L. Lee, E. Steele, and Samuel Bibbins, were continued in their superannuate relation.

D. A. Curtis and F. Brittain were made effective.

L. L. Houghton applied for a location, but he was granted a superannuate relation.

The Committee on Missions made a report.

A motion to strike Port Huron District from the list of Missions was carried, and another motion to strike out the amount of \$150 appropriate to Jefferson Ave. Church, Detroit, did not prevail. It was ordered that the one hundred dollars taken from the Port Huron District apportionment be applied to Lake Superior District. With these instructions the report was recommitted.

The Committee of Eight on Conference Claims made a report which was referred to the Board of Conference Stewards. That report is printed with the report of the atter, and in the answers to Disciplinary questions 14 and 15.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourns it adjourns to meet again at half past two o'clock to-day.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made a report (\mathbf{C}_{\bullet}) which was adopted,

Rev. Geo. Duffield, delegate from the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan, introduced yesterday, made a fraternal address expressive of the warm sympathy given by himself and his brethren to this Conference in the work in which we are in common engaged.

Isaac Santee, a local Deacon from Unionville Circuit, Flint District, being properly recommended, and in the presence of the Conference having expressed his faith in our doctrines and his assent to our discipline was elected to Elders' Orders.

The Conference adjourned; notices were given and the Benediction was pronounced by Arthur Edwards.

AFTERNOON SESSION-FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 7, 1872.

The Conference met at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

E. O. Haven presided by appointment by Bishop Ames. Wm. Donnelly conducted the opening religious worship.

Otis A. Critchett, a lay member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Monroe, Mich., was by vote authorized to assist J. Levington, as counsel in the prosecution of the pending charges against S. Clements.

The Committee on Tracts made a report which was adopted. [See Reports **D**.]

Henry Seaman, a local preacher, being duly recommended by North Branch Quarterly Conference as a suitable candidate, was elected to Deacons' Orders.

Rev. T. M. Eddy, a corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church was

introduced, as was also M. Van Doosen of the New York Conference.

J. W. Fitzmaurice of the Congregational Conference of Michigan was introduced and made a few remarks of fraternal regard and sympathy.

The trial of Samuel Clements was resumed.

The third charge and the specification under that charge was read.

John Levington deposed:

On the evening of February 17, 1872, Saturday, at the close of the prayer meeting, I took S. Clements one side of the altar and said I cannot administer the Sacrament of the Supper to Elias Withey.

There is nothing personal in this; it is simply a matter of conscience—a matter of right with me, and I mention it to you that you may order it in the best way. He said, I can manage that: I'll administer at one side of the altar and you at the other, and when these parties or persons have received, we can change. I said very well. Next morning, after the love feast and before preaching as we sat in the pulpit together, he pointed to the side of the altar at which I should administer. I simply bowed assent. After the sermon, before administering the Supper, he described several characters. and said of each, I would administer to that person, at one time adding, "I would do so because Christ gave himself for him, and that is a greater gift than the supper." He then described the weeping penitent seeking the Saviour, and said, I would administer the supper to that person. To which I responded as I sat in the pulpit behind him, in slow and solemn tone, "so would I." I noticed at the close of the love feast, one person going across the room and whispering to another. I afterward noticed that these two persons went to Clements' side of the altar to receive the Sacrament, one of them being the party concerning whom I had the conscientious scruples. I administered at that side the altar that had been assigned me and Clements at the other.

CROSS-EXAMINED—Question. Was Mr. Withey then a member of the Church.

Answer. Yes, sir.

At this point, L. R. Fisk suggested that Bro. Levington

be permitted to go forward and make his statements, and that if he is to be his only witness, the defense would introduce no witnesses.

It was moved to take a recess of thirty minutes to enable opposing counsel to consult. Pending this, the following was offered as a substitute:

WHEREAS, the specifications which John Levington has brought to sustain the charges now pending against S. Clements are clearly trivia and of no importance, and

WHEREAS, this Conference has already given ample time to the prosecution, and

WHEREAS, it is manifest that no good can come of further investigation, therefore,

Resolved, That the charges and specifications be, and are hereby dismissed.

J. S. SMART, R. BIRD, C. MOSHER.

A motion to lay the substitute on the table was lost, and the substitute was adopted by a count vote of fifty-eight to twenty-eight.

It was then moved, and it was ordered that the character of Samuel Clements be now passed.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

It was then ordered that the Conference now proceed to try the charges in the pending case *versus* J. Levington. A motion to adjourn prevailed, and John Russell pronounced the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

East Saginaw, September 9, 1872.

The Conference met at half past eight o'clock, A. M., Bishop Ames in the Chair.

A. J. Bigelow conducted the opening religious worship. The Journals of the Morning and Afternoon Sessions of Saturday, September 7, were read, and approved.

George Taylor and E. O. Haven, were excused from attendance upon the remainder of this Seventeenth Session.

Bishop Ames presented the following certificate of ordinations to be entered upon the Conference Journal.

This certifies that James H. Kilpatrick, Charles C. Lee, Horace Palmer, John L. Walker and Henry Seaman, were ordained Deacons in the M. E. Church, on the 8th of September, 1872, at East Saginaw, Michigan, and that at the same time and place Charles T. Allen, John Maywood, Edward Barry, John H. McIntosh, Joel B. Goss, Marvin J. Scott, Alonzo Whitcomb, Silas P. Murch and Isaac Santee, were ordained Elders in the same church by the undersigned.

E. R. AMES.

J. S. Smart, moved to reconsider the vote given September 7, to proceed to try the charges against John Levington.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, and the motion to proceed to trial was laid on the table.

The following resolutions were introduced, read and laid upon the table for the present:

WHEREAS, Our Church at Marquette is struggling under pressing embarrassments, having undertaken to build a church edifice worth \$25,000 upon the strength of an unauthorized promise that \$5,000 to \$10,000 would be furnished by the Church Extension Society, and having been compelled on the completion of the basement walls, two years since, to mortgage their entire property to raise \$8,000 one-half of which was due last December; and

WHEREAS, The membership of the church is entirely unable of them selves, and even with what additional assistance can be secured in the vicinity, to complete and save the church, although the only feasible or safe alternative, is to proceed to its completion immediately, and unless this course is pursued, our subscription list will become well

nigh valueless and the property must all pass out of our hand into the hands of parties who are anxious to secure it; and

WHEREAS, The present, and especially the prospective importance of the city and liberality of the people, justify our most intense interest and generous plans concerning this church; therefore,

Resolved, That the Detroit Annual Conference, very strongly recommend the enterprise to the favorable consideration of the General Committee of Church Extension, and beg that at the first possible opportunity relief be granted; and, furthermore,

Resolved, That we hereby authorize and permit the Presiding Elder of the Lake Superior District and the Pastor at Marquette, or whomsoever they may jointly appoint, to labor in such sections as have commercial relations with Lake Superior to secure needed aid to save the Marquette Church.

(Signed,)

J. M. GORDON, P. E. J. M. JOHNSON, P. C.

The following paper was introduced:

WHEREAS, It is the judgment of this Conference that the mind of Rev. John Levington has so long and so intensely dwelt upon exciting themes as seriously to affect his nervous system; and

WHEREAS, His thoughts and labors under the influence of this constant and often, we doubt not, involuntary excitement have become so largely devoted to a single class of topics, not directly involved in his work as a minister, that his ability as a pastor has become so impaired as to render him for that work really a superannuated man; and,

WHEREAS, The Christian charity and traternal regard of this Conference for Brother Levington, prompt us to acts of sympathy and kindness, and no good either to him or to the public would be accomplished by the prosecution of the charges now pending against him; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the charges now pending against John Levington, be and are hereby dismissed.

Resolved, 2. That his character now pass.

Resolved, 3. That we give him a superannuated relation with his appropriate claims upon the funds of the Conference.

J. S. SMART,
WM. X. NINDE,
JOHN McEldowney,

T. C. GARDNER, JOHN HAMILTON, R. GAGE,

S. REED,	F. W. WARREN,
A. J. BIGELOW,	W. H. SHIER,
S. E. WARREN,	C. T. ALLEN,
S. P. WARNER,	R. S. PARDINGTON,
T. STALKER,	SAMUEL BIBBINS,
T. C. HIGGINS,	E. BIBBINS,
L. C. YORK,	S. Bessey,
WM. TAYLOR,	THOMAS WAKELIN,
J. M. FULLER,	D. A. CURTIS,
JAMES VENNING,	N. GREEN,

C. Mosher.

None of the above are Free Masons.

Pending the discussion upon this paper it was moved that the resolutions lie on the table. The motion to lay on the table did not prevail.

Leave was granted to O. A. Critchett, counsel for John Levington, to speak upon the pending resolutions.

The subject matter of the paper was ordered to be divided, and the question being put to the house, the preamble was adopted by a count vote of one hundred and five (105) to thirteen (13); the first and second resolutions passed by a hand vote, and the third resolution by a count vote of one hundred and twelve (112) to fifteen (15.)

The orders of Rev. Duke Whitely, an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, were recognized and he was admitted to membership.

Rev. H. L. Morehouse, a representative of the Baptist Church in Michigan, was introduced, and made remarks expressive of fraternal regard.

The Standing Committee to nominate Standing Committees for the Session of 1873, was ordered to nominate fraternal delegates to the Evangelical Bodies in Michigan.

The name of Selah W. Noyes was ordered to be entered upon the Journal as "withdrawn," and F. A. Blades was authorized to procure the return of Brother Noyes'

parchments and to secure payment of his debts to the Book Concern.

The resolutions relating to the Church at Marquette, were taken from the table and adopted.

A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, addressed the Conference concerning topics relating to the work of that Society.

T. M. Eddy, a Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference upon matters connected with the plans and wants of that Society.

David Preston was introduced to the Conference, and made a plea for Albion College.

The time of the Session was extended.

Leave of absence was granted to Curtis Mosher.

The Conference adjourned; notices were given, and the Benediction was pronounced by T. M. Eddy.

SIXTH DAY.

Tuesday, September 10, 1872.

The Conference met at half-past eight o'clock A. M. Bishop Ames in the Chair.

J. S. Smart conducted the opening religious exercises.

The Journal of the Session of September 9th. was read and approved.

Leave of absence was granted to Geo. W. Owen.

The Committee on Support of the Bishops made a report. [See Reports **E**.] The report was adopted and the Secretary was ordered to send a certified copy of the resolution appended, to the General Book Committee.

The Committee on Education made a report which was adopted. [See Reports F.]

· The Committee to nominate committees for the session

of 1873 was instructed to nominate but two committees on Educational subjects, viz., one on "Education," and one on "Ministerial Education."

W. H. Shier moved the following paper which was adopted:

WHEREAS, J. M. Arnold & Co. of the Detroit Book Depository have tendered to the Preachers' Aid Society of this Conference an annual dividend of one per cent on their gross sales less the amount of the indebtedness of traveling preachers, not collectable, annually accruing, which debts become the property of said Society, therefore

Resolved, That this Conference recommend that this proposition be accepted.

Resolved, That we exert our utmost power to extend the trade of the Depository.

WM. H. SHIER, F. A. BLADES.

The Committee on Statistics, through its chairman, F. E. York, made a report which was adopted. [See Reports **G**.]

The trustees of church property at Williamstown were granted leave to sell their parsonage and apply proceeds in part to the church debt, and in part to debt on the parsonage.

The trustees of church property at Hartland were grant ed leave to sell their parsonage and apply the proceeds to the liquidation of the church debt.

The trustees of Lafayette Avenue Church, Detroit, were authorized to sell their old church property and re-invest the proceeds for the benefit of the church.

The trustees of the church at Tawas were authorized to sell their parsonage property and apply the proceeds to payment of the church debt.

The sale of the parsonage property by the trustees of Birmingham circuit was approved, and they were authorized to re-invest proceeds to payment of their church debt. The same trustees were authorized to sell the old church property, and apply proceeds in payment for the new church now being erected.

The trustees of Torrey Church were authorized to sell their parsonage property and apply proceeds in payment for improvements on church property.

The trustees in custody of church lots at Clio were authorized to re-convey them to the original donors.

The trustees of church property at Saline were authorized to sell the old parsonage lot and re-invest proceeds in payment for a new parsonage lot.

O. Sanborn and J. Hamilton were excused from attendance upon the remainder of the session.

The Committee to nominate Standing Committees for the Session of 1873, reported as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1873.

Education—W. X. Ninde, W. W. Washburne, N. Green. Ministerial Education—J. M. Arnold, T. J. Joslin, G. W. Lowe.

Periodicals—J. McEldowney, A. J. Bigelow, J. Frazer. Bible Cause—J. M. Fuller, Luther Lee, H. O. Parker.

Sunday Schools—A. F. Bourns, A. J. Richards, S. P. Warner.

Temperance—J. H. McCarty, J. S. Joslin, T. Wilkinson. Conference Stewards—John Kelly, J. A. McIlwain, R. S. Pardington.

Parsonages—R. Bird, J. Hamilton, C. Simpson.

Mission Auditors—J. S. Smart, J. Kilpatrick, B. F.

Pritchard.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Freedmen—John Russell, Wm. Donnelly, H. Hodskiss. Memoirs—T. C. Gardner, O. Whitmore, B. H. Hedger.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—B. F. Cocker, F. W. Warren, T. Stalker.

Statistics-H. W. Hicks, D. Casler, J. G. Morgan.

Tracts-L. C. York, J. W. Scott, E. E. Pearman.

Eight on Conference Claims—[One from each district to be selected on first day of the Session of 1873.]

To Nominate Committees for 1874—[One from each District to be chosen in 1873.]

Public Worship-[To be chosen in 1873.]

On debts due the Book Concern—[To be chosen in 1873.]

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

To Baptist State Convention-T. G. Potter.

To Presbyterian Synod of Michigan-W. X. Ninde.

To Congregational Association of Michigan—J. M. Arnold.

TRIERS OF APPEALS.

In accordance with the action of the General Conference of 1872, the following "Triers of Appeals" were nominated and confirmed:

F. A. Blades, Samuel Clements, D. C. Jacokes, O. Whitmore, T. J. Joslin, Robert Bird, John Kelly.

The Committee on Church Extension made nominations of a Board of Church Extension. The nominations were confirmed. These officers appear in the list of Conference Societies.

The following list of appointments was presented by Bishop Ames for publication in the minutes:

EXAMINING COMMITTEES FOR 1873.

For Admission on Trial--H. O. Parker, J. H. McClure, A. J. Richards.

First Year-E. W. Frazee, A. R. Laing, W. J. Campbell.

Second Year—John McEldowney, B. S. Taylor, R. S. Pardington. Third Year—A. J. Bigelow, G. W. Lowe, E. H. Brockway.

Fourth Year- J. H. McCarty, T. J. Joslin, Wm. Fox.

Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders—J. R. Cordon, F. E. York, J. G. Morgan.

Local Preachers for Elders' Orders—S. E. Warren, A. R. Hazen, E. Van Norman.

To preach the Annual Missionary Sermon, E. E. Caster. *Alternate*, A. F. Bourns.

The Committee on Missions, to which was re-committed their report, rendered September 7th, made the following final report which was adopted. [See Reports **H.**]

The Committee on Albion College made their report, which was adopted. [See Reports I.] It was ordered that D. Preston's letter on the subject be printed in the Minutes. [In Reports J.] J. W. Sheldon and Seth Reed, nominated as trustees of Albion College in the report on that subject were duly confirmed as such by ballot.

Eugene Haanel, a preacher on trial, was discontinued at his own request.

Hon. C. L. Ortman, Mayor of East Saginaw, was introduced.

The memoir of R. R. Richards, a member of this Conference, deceased July 13, 1872, prepared by the Committee on Memoirs, was read by the Secretary, after which remarks concerning the character and work of Brother Richards were made by Brethren Jacokes, Pilcher, Blades, Reed, Perrin, Whitmore, Stalker, Hickey, Gardner and May.

"Shall we Gather at the River,"

was sung, and J. F. Davidson led the Conference in prayer. [See Reports **K**.]

John M. Van Every, a Deacon in Missouri Conference was introduced, and his transfer to this Conference was requested.

C. M. Anderson was excused from attendance upon the remainder of the Session.

The Board of Conference Stewards made their report. [See Reports **L**] and answers to Disciplinary Questions fourteen and fifteen. The amounts were appropriated and delivered as follows:

BENEFICIARY.	AM'T.	GIVEN TO.
S. S. Littlefield	\$114 55 63 80 51 10 63 80	H. N. Brown, Self. B. F. Pritchard. Self.
L. Lee	76 50	Self.
Mrs. Shank	63 80	D. C. Jacokes.
R. Goodale	25 70	R. S. Pardington.
E. Klumph	<i>7</i> 6 50	D. J. Odell.
E. B. Prindle	51 10	S. Clements.
John Gray	63 80	R. Gage.
Mrs. Belknap	25 70	A. Edwards.
Rebecca Todd	51 10	
Jacob Dobbins	44 75	44
R. C. Crane	76 50	
Mrs. Mothersill	51 10	J. McEldowney.
Ebenezer Steele	76 50	Self.
Mrs. 1. C. Cochrane	51 10	L. R. Fisk.
Mrs. Dubois	51 10	E. Steele.
Mrs. Watkins	25 70	L. R. Fisk.
R. Triggs	76 50	Wm. M. Triggs.
L. Mitchell	51 10	J. E. Withey.
J. Pugh	76 50	Self.
Mrs. George Smith	51 10	S. Clements.
D. W. Hammond	76 50	R. H. Crane.

The Committee on Periodicals made a report which was adopted. [See Reports M.]

Bishop Ames announced the transfer to this Conference, of Jacob Wortley and Eli Westlake, from Michigan Conference, and John M. Van Every, a Deacon, from Missouri Conference. Eli Westlake, thus transferred, was made effective.

The time of the Session was extended.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourns, it adjourns to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

F. E. York was excused from further attendance during the remainder of the Session.

Rev. Delos Love, D. D., Pastor of the Congregational Church in East Saginaw, was introduced and he made remarks expressive of his sympathy in our work.

The consideration of the first question was taken up. John J. Gurney came duly recommened by Dayton and Newberry Quarterly Conference. He was not received but his Presiding Elder was authorized to employ him. Samuel G. Bettis duly recommended by Brockway Quarterly Conference was admitted on trial. Alexander Holmes duly recommended by Speaker Quarterly Conference was not admitted and a Presiding Elder had leave to employ him. Franklin Bradly duly recommended by Marine City Quarterly Conference and John W. Henry by Marlette Ouarterly Conference were admitted on trial. Frederick Porter duly recommended by Lafayette Avenue Quarterly Conference, Detroit, was admitted on trial. John S. Priestley duly recommended by the same Quarterly Conference was admitted on trial. William Allington being duly recommended by Speaker Quarterly Conference was admitted on trial. Nathan N. Clark being duly recommended by Evanston Quarterly Conference, Rock River Conference, was admitted on trial. Ronald Woodhams duly recommended by Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference was admitted on trial. Henry W. Thompson being duly recommended by Vernon Quarterly Conference was admitted on trial.

The orders of Richard Kerr an Elder in the Canada Wesleyan Conference, were recognized and he was admitted to membership.

The orders of George H. Field an Elder in the Canada Wesleyan Conference were recognized and he was admitted to membership.

It was ordered that an evening session be held. The Conference adjourned and the Benediction was pronounced by S. Clements.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 10, 1872.

The Conference met at three o'clock in the afternoon.

J. S. Smart was in the Chair by appointment of Bishop Ames.

J. S. Sutton conducted the opening religious services.

The Journal was read, amended and approved.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made a supplementary report, nominating officers of the Conference Ministerial Education Society. The nominations thus made were confirmed. The list appears among "Conference Officers."

The Committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath made a report which was adopted. [See Reports N.]

The Committee on Temperance made a report. A motion to strike from the second resolution the words, "cast our suffrages for," and insert the words "use our influence for," was carried by a count vote of forty-two to thirty-eight. The report as amended was then adopted, [See Reports **0.**]

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize and appreciate the great importance of the earnest and self-sacrificing labors of Rev. John Russell in behalf of Temperance, and praying that his work may be crowned with still greater success we cheerfully invite him to our pulpits, and recommend that wherever he may preach upon this subject, collections be taken to aid in defraying the expenses of his agency.

T. G. Potter, A. J. Bigelow.

The Treasurer of the Conference Sunday School Society made a report which was adopted. [See Reports **P.**]

The Committee on Church Extension made a report which was adopted. [See Reports Q.]

The Mission Auditing Committee made their report which was adopted. [See Reports **R**.]

The Committee on Bible Cause presented a report which was adopted. [See Reports **S**.]

Robert Bird was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment, at his own request.

F. A. Blades was placed upon the superannuate list.

M. Hickey was granted a superannuated relation.

A. B. Wood was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

. The trustees of the Addison Charge were granted leave to sell their church and parsonage property at Rome and to apply the proceeds for the benefit of their church property.

The Conference Missionary Society was authorized to pay fifty dollars (\$50) to defray expenses of publishing Missionary matter in the minutes.

The Committee on Missions made a report endorsing the establishment of the East Saginaw and Saginaw City Mission, and the appropriation thereto of \$400, for which application is made to the Contingent Fund.

The Conference adjourned; notices were given and J. M. Arnold pronounced the Benediction.

EVENING SESSION-SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 10, 1872.

The Conference met at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, Bishop Ames in the Chair.

J. M. Arnold conducted the opening religious sərvices.

The consideration of the Seventeenth Question was taken up. Saginaw City, Adrian and Ypsilanti were nominated. Ypsilanti was chosen.

The following distribution to the districts of the amount of \$1500 apportioned to the Detroit Conference was reported by the Presiding Elders, and adopted as follows.

The Presiding Elders have made the following appropriations to the several Districts for the support of the Bishops—viz:

To Detroit District .		•										\$250
Ann Arbor District		•										225
Adrian District .			•									225
Flint District				•	•	•			•	•		200
Saginaw District		•						•				175
Romeo District		•						•	•	•		175
Port Huron District						•						150
Lake Superior Distri	ct	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	100
Total					•				•	•		\$1500

The following resolutions of thanks were passed by rising votes:

1. To the people of East Saginaw, Saginaw City and South Saginaw, for the very satisfactory manner in which they have entertained the members of this Conference during the Session.

J. H. McCARTY, J. S. SMART, J. McELDOWNEY.

2. To the officers of the Flint & Pere Marquette Railway for their reduction of fare, and to Rev. D. B. Tracy, for his efficient agency in our behalf in this matter.

J. M. ARNOLD, ARTHUR EDWARDS.

3. To the managers of the Port Huron & Lake Michigan Railway, and to the Superintendent, W. L. Bancroft for passing at half fare, all members of, and *all visitors* to, this Conference.

A. F. BOURNS, T. G. POTTER.

4. To Rev. J. M. Fuller, Pastor at East Saginaw, for his untiring labors as host-in-chief of the Conference.

To the managers of street railways, for free passes to members, and

to the exceptionally polite conductors on the cars of said street rail-ways.

To the reporters of East Saginaw, Bay City and Detroit Daily Papers, for their fair and full reports of proceedings.

The business of the Conference was suspended to enable the Trustees of the East Saginaw Church to present the case of the East Saginaw Church debt to the large audience assembled to witness the closing Session of the Conference. After sixteen thousand dollars had been raised by subscriptions in the audience, the Conference resumed business.

L. R. Fisk presented the following resolutions which, being put to the Conference by the Secretary, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we gratefully express the gratification afforded us by the presence of Bishop Ames, to preside at the present session of this Conference.

Resolved, That we most cordially request him to visit this body as often as the nature of his official duties will permit, and that our prayers will go with him wherever his work may call him.

L. R. FISK, M. HICKEY.

On motion of J. M. Fuller, J. H. McCarty, G. B. Mickley, C. W. Ellis, W. R. Burt and A. P. Brewer, were appointed a committee to continue the collection of moneys for the payment of the debt on the East Saginaw Church.

J. M. Arnold was appointed the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund of the Detroit Conference.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this Conference to Rev. Arthur Edwards, the Secretary, for his very able and efficient services during the session.

R. S. PARDINGTON, L. R. FISK. A vote of thanks was presented to David Preston, for his services in the collection of moneys to pay the debt on the church in East Saginaw.

The Journals of the Evening Session were read and approved, and an adjournment ordered.

Bishop Ames made remarks in allusion to the resolutions complimentary to himself, just passed. He also expressed his sense of the delicacy of his duties as presiding officer and as the Church's agent in making appointments. He devoutly commended the Conference to the care of God, and bespoke a year of unwonted prosperity.

The Bishop read the appointments in answer to the Sixteenth Disciplinary Question, and then pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

And so ended, in the fear of God, the Seventeenth Session of the Detroit Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

disciplinant questions.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Samuel G. Bettis, Franklin Bradly, John W. Henry, Frederick W. Porter, John S. Priestly, William Allington, Nathan N. Clark, Ronald Woodhams, Henry W. Thompson.—9.

QUESTION 2. Who remain on trial?

Answer.—John M. Truscott, D. R. Shier, Richard Hudson, Jr., Charles Locke, D. B. Miller, Edward Foster, Daniel Hall, J. M. Johnson, George Deacon, T. H. Baskerville, D. J. Odell, J. E. Whalen, Albert Hubbell.—13.

QUESTION 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

ANSWER.—Graduates—Leander W. Pilcher, J. H. Kilpatrick, Charles C. Lee, Horace Palmer, J. L. Walker.

By Transfer.—Francis E. Pierce, a Deacon from North Indiana, Jacob C. Wortley, an Elder from Michigan Conference; Eli Westlake, an Elder from Michigan Conference; John M. Van Every, a Deacon from Missouri Conference.

By recognition of orders from other Methodist bodies.—Duke Whiteley, an Elder, Methodist Protestant Church; Richard Kerr, an Elder, Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Canada; George H. Field, an Elder, Wesleyan Methodist Conference in Canada.—12.

QUESTION 4. Who are the Deacons?

ANSWER. First Class Ordained in 1872 by Bishop Ames.—James H. Kilpatrick, Charles C. Lee, Horace Palmer, John L. Walker.—4. Second Class, Ordained in 1871 by Bishop Simpson.—D. Casler, H. H. Smith, W. E. Dunning, John Hamilton, A. B. Wood, Philip

Wright, J. G. Sparling, S. B. Kimmell, J. A. Dunlap, Edward Steer, James Riley.

By Transfer in 1872.—Francis E. Pierce, John M. Van Every.—14.

QUESTION 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders?

ANSWER. Charles T. Allen, John Maywood, Edward Barry, John H. McIntosh, Joel B. Goss, Marvin J. Scott, Alonzo Whitcomb, Silas P. Murch.—8.

QUESTION 6. Who have located this year?

ANSWER. Charles C. Yemans, Eli Wigle, John Armstrong, John Maywood.—4.

QUESTION 7. Who are the supernumerary preachers?

Answer. Stephen L. Ramsdall, C. Mosher. Samuel Kitzmiller, Robert Bird, Alva B. Wood.—5.

QUESTION 8. Who are the superannuated preachers?

Answer. Addison C. Shaw, Marcenas B. Wiltsie, Jacob E. Parker, Lyman H. Dean, Robert Triggs, Andrew Bell, John Gray, Elias B. Prindle, John Pugh, Jacob Dobbins, Samuel Bibbins, Ira W. Donelson, D. Burnham Tracy, Ebenezer Steele, George Wilson, Sylvester Calkins, Erastus R. Hascall, Rufus C. Crane, George Taylor, Lewis Mitchell, Solomon S. Littlefield, Wm. Mahon, Erastus Klumph, William Benson, Luther Lee, Daniel W. Hammond, Thomas Seeleye, Peter O. Johnson, Levi L. Houghton, John Levington, Francis A. Blades, Manasseh Hickey.—31.

QUESTION 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

ANSWER. Selah W. Noyes.-1.

QUESTION II. Are the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

ANSWER. Their names were all called in open Conference, and their characters examined and passed.

QUESTION 12. Who have died this year?

ANSWER. Ransom R. Richards.-I.

QUESTION 13. What is the number of Church Members?

ANSWER. In statistical tables.

QUESTION 14. What amounts are necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?

Answer.	For Superan	nuat	ed Pr	eache	ers,		•	\$4,175	00
	For Widows	and	Orpl	ians,			•	1,450	00
	For deficien	cies i	n Pa	stors'	sala	ries,.	•	8,731	21
	Total,	•	•	•		•		\$14,356	21

QUESTION 15. What has been collected for the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER.	From	Circuits and Stations	•		•	\$ 1,365	22
	66	Conference Collection			•	30	57
	66	Chartered Fund .			•	35	00
	66	Other sources	•	•	•	5	II
Total						C	

The Journal of the Morning Session, Tuesday, September 10th, shows how this amount was applied and to whom the money was de-

livered for each beneficiary.

QUESTION 16. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

ANSWER.

DETROIT DISTRICT-E. H. PILCHER, P. E.

Central Church-W. X. Ninde. Lee Chapel and Warren-J. M.

Lafayette Ave-J. McEldowney. Truscott.

Simpson Church—T. Stalker. Plymouth—W. H. Benton.

Jefferson Avenue—E. E. Caster. Belleville—W. J. Campbell.

Sixteenth street and Greenfield Birmingham-F. Brittain.

-H. N. Brown. Royal Oak-C. Simpson.

Trenton-J. H. McClure. Farmington—J. A. McIlwain.

Wyandotte-H. O. Parker. Northville-Nelson Green.

Flat Rock—J. Kilpatrick. Commerce—J. H. Kilpatrick.

Monroe—J. C. Wortley. Southfield-A. Gee.

Wayne-J. S. Joslin. New Boston-T. Nichols.

Dearborn and Inkster-J. R. Walled Lake-J. H. Curnalia. Dentons and Sheldons—J. S. Sutton

J. M. Arnold, S. S. Agent and member of Simpson Quarterly Con-

ference.

Arthur Edwards, Editor Northwestern Christian Advocate, and member of Central Quarterly Conference.

J. Russell, State Temperance Agent, and member of Central Quarterly Conference.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT-L. R. FISK, P. E.

Grass Lake—R. S. Pardington.

South Lyon—B. F. Pritchard. (one

Henrietta-J. B. Russell.

Hamburg-J. H. Caster.

Brighton-L. C. York.

to be supplied.)

Triggs.

Pinckney-L. J. Whitcomb. Lima and North Lake-W. M.

Ann Arbor-W. H. Shier.

Dixboro—S. Bessy.

Ypsilanti—J. M. Fuller.

Augusta-A. W. Wilson.

Oakville-D. R. Shier.

Milan-N. Newton.

Saline—J. Horton.

Dexter-R. Hudson, Jr.

Leoni-F. E. Pierce.

Chelsea—Supplied by — Holt. Milford—C. C. Lee.

Waterloo—To be supplied by J. Genoa—To be supplied.

W. Campbell. Unadilla—J. B. Varnum.

E. O. Haven, President N. W. University and member of Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

B. F. Cocker, Professor, Michigan University and member of Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

ADRIAN DISTRICT-O. WHITMORE, P. E.

Adrian-J. H. McCarty.

Tecumseh—S. Clements.

Manchester-G. W. Lowe.

Napoleon and Brooklyn-D. O. Ball.

Franklin—E. Bibbins.

Addison-A. R. Hazen.

Hudson-D. C. Jacokes.

Morenci-I. N. Elwood.

Fairfield-E. Van Norman.

Blissfield-W. Taylor.

Clinton and Mason-C. T. Allen. Petersburgh and Deerfield-J. G.

Whitcomb.

Lambertville-I. Johnson.

Dundee-J. S. Priestly.

Ridgeway-G. H. Field.

Clayton—D. A. Curtis.

Sharon—W. C. Way.

Palmyra and Wellsville-To be

supplied by W. Benson.

Medina-S. P. Murch.

FLINT DISTRICT-W. E. BIGELOW, P. E.

Court Street-J. F. Davidson.

Garland Street-W. Fox.

Mt. Morris-J. Hamilton.

Forest-W. J. Clack.

Davis and Kearsley-To be sup-

plied by Ulysses Stedman.

Flushing-J. G. Morgan.

Swartz Creek-J. B. Goss.

Hazleton-T. Wakelin.

Grand Blanc-E. Westlake.

Holly—S. P. Warner.

Fenton-W. W. Washburne.

Fenton Circuit-R. Kerr.

Linden O. Sanborn.

Gaines-D. B. Miller.

Byron-E. H. Brockway.

Vernon-N. W. Pierce.

Corunna—A. J. Richards.

Highland-L. S. Tedman.

Hartland-H. W. Hicks.

Oak Grove-I. Balls.

Perry-H. Hodskiss.

Laingsburg—S. Bird.

Howell-S. B. Kimmell.

Fowlerville-C. W. Austin.

Iosco-C. Locke.

Williamstown—R. C. Lanning.

Dansville-T. Wilkinson.

White Oak—H. W. Thompson.

Bell Oak—To be supplied by Jos.

England.

L. W. Pilcher, Missionary to China.

SAGINAW DISTRICT-O. J. PERRIN, P. E.

East Saginaw—D. Casler.

Saginaw City-J. Venning.

South Saginaw-P. J. Wright.

Saginaw and East Saginaw City

Mission—J. Riley.

Portsmouth-F. W. Warren.

Bay City—J. Kelly.

Wenona-W. Q. Burnett.

Tuscola and Thetford—E. Foster.

Millington and Pearsonville-A. Whitcomb.

Mayville-A. S. Fair.

Dayton and Newberry-To be supplied by J. J. Gurney.

Watrousville-D. J. Odell.

Caro and Ellington-G. Stowe.

Kawkawlin, Banks and South side Cass City—I. H. Camburn. Avenue—A. Springstein. Unionville—S. J. Brown.

Standish and Rifle River—A. J. Caseville—R. Woodhams.

Dunlap.

St. Charles—J. W. Crippen.

Midland and Averills-F.W. May. Chesaning-W. E. Dunning.

Tittabawassee-J. G. Sparling. New Haven-A. Allen.

Carrollton and Zilwaukee—To be Owosso and Bennington — D. supplied. Whitely.

Hemlock City and Swan Creek- Mungerville-W. Tuttle.

G. Bettis. Pesahganing Indian Mission—D. Vassar—W. Hagadorne. Hall.

ROMEO DISTRICT-S. REED, P. E.

Romeo—J. S. Smart. Marlette—To be supplied by Al-

Pontiac-T. J. Joslin. fred Harrington.

Troy—G. Deacon. Almont—S. E. Warren.

Utica—B. S. Taylor. Dryden—R. Gage. Mt. Clemens—J. T. Hankinson. Armada—H. Hood.

Washington—J. Wesley. Chesterfield—To be supplied by

Orion—J. R. Cordon. W. L. Armstrong.

Rochester—A. B. Clough. Baltimore—A. R. Laing.

Oxford—J. O. Bancroft. Hadley—C. M. Anderson.

Brandon and Oakland—To be Goodrich—W. Birdsall. supplied by Nelson Lyons. Clarkston—G. W. Owen.

Lapeer—A. J. Bigel6w. Davisburg—J. W. Scott.

North Branch—To be supplied by Attica—J. E. Withey. F. J. Galbraith.

PORT HURON DISTRICT-T. C. GARDNER, P. E.

Port Huron—A. F. Bourns. Port Sanilac—S. P. Lee.

Gratiot—G. M. Lyon. Forrester—N. N. Clark.

Marysville and Wales—M. J. Austin and White Rock — H. Scott. Palmer.

St. Clair—A. R. Bartlett. Port Hope—J. H. McIntosh.

Algonac—A. W. Harding. Verona Mills—To be supplied.

Memphis and Richmond-J. W. Tawas-T. G. Potter.

Holt. Au Sable—W. P. Maywood.

Columbus—J. L. Walker. Harrisville—J. W. Henry.

Marine City—E. E. Pearman. Alpena—W. Donnelly. Brockway—H. H. Smith. Capac—A. Shepard.

Ruby—T. C. Higgins. Marion—A. Hubbell.

Lakeport—B. H. Hedger. Speaker—W. Allington.

Lexington and Davisville—R. Mc- G. R. Davis, Missionary to China.

Connell and F. Bradley.

LAKE SUPERIOR-J. M. GORDON, P. E.

Marquette-J. M. Johnson. Phœnix and Alloway—F. W. Porter. Central Mine-T. G. Omans. Negaunee-E. W. Frazee. Ishpeming—L. Barnes. Rockland and Maple Grove-C. Clarksburg-E. Steer. L. Church. Escanaba—T. H. Baskerville. L'Anse, Keweenaw and Iroquois Menomenee-J. E. Whalen. Point-J. M. VanEvery and Houghton—J. Frazer, Peter Marksman. R. H. Crane transferred to Ne-Hancock-E. Barry. braska Conference. Calumet-F. E. York.

QUESTION 17. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

ANSWER. At Ypsilanti, on the Michigan Central Railroad, at a time to be appointed by the Bishops.

OUR OWN DEPARTED.

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James V. Watson Wellington H, Collins. Robert Dubois William Mothersill. Johnathan Blanchard. Francis L. West Giles N. Belknap Aaron Watkins Joseph Shank Isaac C. Cochrane William M. Hevener John A. Baughman George Smith William Todd James F. Dorey Ransom R. Richards	25 55 29 49 46 61	Chicago	Nov. 8, '62. Mar. 22, '64 Jan. 5, 1865 April 13, '66 Mar. 19, '67 Sep. 30, '67. Oct. 25, '67. Oct., 1867. Mar. 1, '68. May 4, 1863 May 15, '69. Aug. 2, 1869	Michigan Michigan Michigan Detroit Michigan Detroit Oneida Detroit Michigan Ohio Ohio New York. Detroit	1833 1823 1862

CHURCH HEAD QUARTERS.

- Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 805 Broadway, New York City.
- Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 24 Van Buren St. Chicago.
- Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 413 Locust St., St. Louis, Missouri.
- Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 189 Woodward Ave. Detroit, Michigan.
- Church Extension Head Quarters, 1,018 Arch St. Philadelphia.
- Freedmen's Aid Head Quarters, 190 West Fourth St. Cincinnati, O.

THE SEVENTEEN SESSIONS.

DATE.	PLACE.	Візнор.	SECRETARY.
September 17, 1856 September 2, 1857 September 8, 1858 September 28, 1859 September 26, 1860 September 25, 1861 September 24, 1862 September 16, 1863 September 14, 1864 September 5, 1866 September 5, 1866 September 1, 1867 August 26, 1868 September 1, 1869 August 24, 1870 September 13, 1871	Port Huron, Ypsilanti Pontiac Dexter Detroit. Ann Arbor. Romeo Adrian Flint Hudson Saginaw City. Ann Arbor Detroit Fenton	Waugh. Baker. Janes. Morris. Ames Scott. Simpson Baker. Clark Ames Janes. Ames Scott Clark Simpson	S. Reed. S. Reed. S. Reed. S. Clements. S. Clements. S. Clements. W. H. Perrine. W. H. Perrine. E. H. Pilcher. C. C. Yemans. A. Edwards. A. Edwards. A. Edwards.

reports of committees.

[A.]

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

(Adopted September 5th.)

The Committee on Ministerial Education, present the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Garrett Biblical Institute is now deprived of all income for its support, because of the ravages of the great fire which occurred in Chicago in 1871; and,

WHEREAS, The interests of the Church require that this School of the Prophets be not closed, but its past efficiency be fully maintained; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we as a Conference, assume our proportionate share of the pecuniary responsibility for its support during the coming year.

Resolved, 2. That for this period we pledge to the same the sum of \$1,200 to be raised on our respective charges.

Resolved, 3. That we will the next year take collection on each of our charges for this purpose in lieu of that for the Ministerial Education Society, as the most practicable method for the present of providing for the education of young men preparing for our ministry.

Resolved, 4. That the roll of the Conference be now called to receive the pledges of its members for this object.

Resolved, 5. That the Presiding Elders be directed to apportion the above named sums to the several charges on their districts.

L. R. FISK, J. McELDOWNEY.

[**B**.]

ON FREEDMEN.

(Adopted September 5th.)

The Committee on Freedmen beg leave respectfully to report:

The Freedmen's Aid Society have been successfully engaged in elevating the character and condition of the colored people in the South.

It now devotes special attention to the preparation of teachers and preachers and by means of them, aims at the general elevation and salvation of this people.

It has accomplished all that could have been expected, with means so limited, and yet only a small part of the people are cultivated. There are sections of country where there are thousands and ten of thousands ignorant and degraded people, without a single school, "and the people perish for lack of knowledge." They appeal to us for help.

We are impelled by every principle of Christian patriotism and philanthropy to respond to their claims; and thus save them in their strugglings for intelligence and religion.

The fate of this people, and the destiny of the future, depends largely upon our efforts in their behalf. The American Church has not come up to the full measure of its duty in their behalf. Thousands of dollars should have been poured into its treasury where only hundreds have been given. Let us take hold of this work as its importance demands. While we expend our millions in foreign fields let us not forget at this crisis the claims of the work at home. The exigences of the times demand that we meet it like men. No appeal to Methodism is more imperative, more full of promise of glorious results, than this of our Freedmen's Aid Society in behalf of the millions of this long oppressed people.

Realizing the importance of this work, the General Conference has fully recognized this society, and made it the duty of each preacher to present its claims, and take a collection in its behalf.

In concluding our report, we present the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we approve the action of the General Conference in relation to the Freedmen's Aid Society, and we will cheerfully perform the duties assigned us as laid down in the Discipline in the chapter on the Education of the Freedmen.

Resolved, 2. That as the sum of \$2,250 has been assigned as our proportion of \$100,000 to be raised for this cause, we will use all reasonable means to meet this claim.

Respectfully submitted.

R. BIRD, W. HAGADORNE, H. HOOD.

EAST SAGINAW, September 5, 1872.

[C.]

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

(Adopted September 7th, A. M.)

The subject of Ministerial Education needs no elaborate investigation here. By repeated reports and resolutions, and by actions that speak louder than words, this Conference as well as the whole Methodist Episcopal Church, has pronounced the most earnest conviction on this subject. Already at its present Session this Conference has pledged itself to endeavor to raise \$1,200, during the ensuing year to help the Garrett Biblical Institute in its present temporary financial difficulty. The efforts of this Conference on behalf of Albion College also express the convictions of the Conference in this subject.

In these days all who feel called of God to the work of the ministry, and especially those who feel called to give themselves entirely to this work, and then to depend upon the church and not upon themselves for their pecuniary support should make earnest and persevering efforts to qualify themselves for the highest possible efficiency in their life-work. God requires of all to use the best means within their power to secure desired ends.

A large majority of young men called to the ministry are poor in this world's goods. To ask of them to work as business men, with the ambition of young business men, and support themselves and pay the expenses of their own education, and at the same time actually acquire an education by hard study, while all the time they know that they will not devote themselves for life to business, is unfair and inexcusable. It is not treating these young men generously and fairly. They have a claim for some assistance.

This is now the pronounced conviction of the church. The General Conference has so pronounced decidedly and with almost entire unanimity. In order to carry out the convictions of the church on this subject, a Board of Education of the M. E. Church has been organized and incorporated, and the General Conference appoints its Corresponding Secretary. The object of this Board is to obtain a fund, the income of which shall be devoted to the assistance of candidates for the ministry. To this end the General Conference has ordered that an annual collection for education be taken in all the congregations.

Besides that, a Sunday School Children's Fund has been commenced, the income of which shall be devoted to the assistance of Sunday School Scholars of either sex, who may be seeking a higher education to increase their usefulness in the church. They recommend that all our Churches and Sunday Schools should recognize the Second Sunday in June as "Children's Day," and should with appropriate exercises bring the subject of education before all our schools on that day and receive their contributions for this Fund.

In view of the above action we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Conference abides by its former action and is in entire sympathy with the sentiment of the church as expressed by the General Conference, in favor of the best possible education of those who are called and who devote themselves to the work of the ministry.

Resolved, That this Conference will recognize and celebrate the Second Sunday in June as "Children's Day," in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Education of the M. E. Church, and that the money so collected be forwarded to the Board and reported at the next session of this Conference.

E. O. HAVEN.

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TRACT CAUSE.

(Adopted September 7th P. M.)

DISBURSEMENTS.

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Denton & Sh. to Book Com.,	•		•		•		3 70
A. C. Laing to J. M. Arnold,		•		•		•	5 00
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L. C. York to Hitchcock & Walden, .	•		•				5 00
Total,			•	•			\$209 86

E.

SUPPORT OF THE BISHOPS.

(Adopted September 10th, A. M.)

COLLECTIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BISHOPS.

DETROIT DISTRICT:-	FLINT DISTRICT:—
Belleville, \$2 00	Swartz Creek, \$ 5 00
Dearborn, 2 00	Mount Morris, . 5 00
Plymouth, 2 00	Dayton & Newbury . 1 00
Simpson Church remit-	
ted \$9 50.	\$11 00
\$6 00	ANN ARBOR DISTRICT:—
PORT HURON DISTRICT:—	Unadilla, \$ 5 00
St. Clair, \$ 8 00	ROMEO DISTRICT :
Port Huron, 7 00	Attica, 2 00
Port Hope, 100	,
	Total, \$40 00
\$16 00	Cash forwarded above \$9 50.

The committee recommended that the sum of \$1,500 00 the amount assessed to this Conference, for the support of the Bishops, be apportioned by the Presiding Elders to the several districts and by the District Stewards, be apportioned to the several charges, and be entered on the several Quarterly Conference records, as claims for salary with those of Preachers and Presiding Elders.

Your Committee desire to submit to the Conference the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Book Committee be requested to furnish the several Annual Conferences a detailed report of the amounts needed to be raised for the salaries and traveling expenses of the several Bishops of the church, and of the amounts needed for the widows and orphans of Bishops as directed by the General Conference.

J. S. SMART.

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EDUCATION.

(Adopted September 10th.)

The Committee on Education desire to report the following:

Resolved, That this Conference re-affirms its oft expressed determination to use its continued efforts in the furtherance of the work of the highest education of the whole people; and to contribute to the increase and growth of the colleges and universities and Theological Schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That we hail with great pleasure the action of the late General Conerence in the appointment of a Secretary of the Board of Education, whose labors shall contribute to the increased power of our church in this department of Christian enterprise.

J. McELDOWNEY.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Received-Ann Arbor Charge, \$34.00.

A. J. BIGELOW, Treasurer.

Detroit Annual Conference.

(G.) GENERAL STATISTICS-

(Adopted September 10th.)

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Cl's.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Aver'geattendance of feachers and Scholars.	Library Books.	Total expense of school this year.	Sunday-School Advocates taken.	Sunday-School Journals taken.	are church memb'rs or probationers.	Scholars who are church members or probationers.	Conversions this	Claims.	Receipts.
PLINT DIST.—Continued. Flint—Court Street Garland Street Tittabawassee Bay City. Wenona Swartz Creek Flushing Hazleton Mt. Morris and Clio Tuscola and Millington Grand Blanc Saginaw City East Saginaw South Saginaw Portsmouth Midland City and Avery's Vassar Watrousville Caro and Ellington Cass City Unionville Port Austin and Caseville Dayton and Newberry Mayville Forest Kawkawlin, Bangor and South Side Ave Carrolton & Swan Creek.	137 60 60 50 120 33 35 4 49 30 13 50 	25 25 25 30 60 12 30	196 130 130 120 80 100 100 140 175 120 60 80 90 100 95 80 100 75	200 625 250 150 350 200 373 400 500 200 150 300 475 602 100 160 	\$370 56 150 00 162 00 162 00 18 00 18 00 150 00 7 00 200 00 125 00 150 00 38 90 25 00 30 00 15 00 15 00 15 00 15 00	200 844 150 70 533 70 40 86 50 125 100 65 35 25 16	21 12 25 30 6 12 16	15 25 34 16 20 14 16 39 1 20 22	633 122 8 889 200 155 800 2 141 15 4 355 10 15 18	3 1 1 2 5 10 10 10		\$1,700 00 \$1,300 00 550 00 1,500 00 1,200 00 750 00 1,080 00 379 00 1,050 00 1,300 00 602 00 1,255 00 1,255 00 1,000 00 597 76 725 00 450 00 345 00 370 63 550 00 850 00 780 00
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PT. HURON DISTRICT. Port Huron Gratiot Marysville St. Ćlair Marine City, Algonac Memphis Richmond and Wales Columbus Brockway Ruby Lake Port Lexington and Davisville Port Sanilac Forester Sand Beach Port Hope Austin Verona Mills Tawas Au Sable Harrisville Alpena Belle River Marion Speaker	10	206 37 61 158 20 137 70 83 100 121 100 65 112 68 42 20 30 43 50 42 20 80 40 40 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 8		1 3 1 I 1 1 I 1 I	10 9 3 12 1 4 1 17 8 8 10 2 4 1 16 2 3 9 4 10 8 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8 10 8			49	10,000 25,000 3,000 18,000 3,500 2,000 5,000 2,000 3,500 10,000 4,000 2,000 3,000 6,000		6,000 1,000 800 1,500 500 400 1,000 1,500 600 2,000 1,000 100 600 1,700		1,000
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AND STATIONS.	For Conference Claimants.	Churches.	Sabbath schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Mis. Society.	For Board Church Extension	For Tract Sciety.	For S.S. Union of the M. E. Church.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education	
PORT HURON.—Con. Port Huron. Gratiot. Marysville St. Clair. Marine City. Algonac. Memphis Richmond and Wales. Columbus. Brockway. Ruby. Lake Port. Lexington and Davisville Port Sanilac. Forester. Sand Beach. Port Hope. Austin. Verona Mills. Tawas. Au Sable. Harrisville. Alpena Belle River. Marion. Speaker. Totals	1 00 3 07 1 00 4 00 50 	20 00 20 00 20 00 14 00 20 00 3 00 6 00 21 00 23 00 20 00 30 00 2 00 64 80 6 00 2 50	10 30 15 00 35 00 23 00 8 45	20 00 20 00 20 00 14 00 20 00 3 00 15 00 35 00 40 00 21 00 23 00 23 00 23 00 64 80 6 00	27 50 34 00 25 00 47 00	6 660 1 00 5 00 1 50 2 00 40	3 ∞	50		I 00	
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ON MISSIONS.

(Adopted September 10th.)

For Domestic Missions	\$3,000
For Indian Missions	
This we have distributed to the fol	llowing charges, to wit:
DETROIT DISTRICT—	ROMEO DISTRICT—
Jefferson Avenue \$150 Royal Oak 40 \$190	Rochester
ANN ARBOR DISTRICT—	
Milan \$100	\$185
FLINT DISTRICT—	PORT HURON DISTRICT—
Vernon \$200 SAGINAW DISTRICT— St Charles \$100 Mungerville 50 New Haven 50 Carrollton & Zilwaukee . 50	White Rock & Austin . \$100 Speaker 100 Marion 50 Gratiot 50
Wenona	LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT— District
\$717	\$1258

To Pesahgining in Saginaw District

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To Iroquois Point, Keweenaw and L'Anse in Lake Su-
perior District
To the Superintendent 200
\$900
S. CLEMENTS, Chairman,
S. REED, Secretary.

I concur in these appropriations.

E. R. AMES.

[I.]

ON ALBION COLLEGE.

(Adopted September 10th.)

The Committee on Albion College would report: That during the past year the College has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity, and that its prospects for the future are encouraging.

The printed Catalogue for 1871-2 shows an attendance of 216 students during the past year, which is an increase over that of last year.

The graduating class consisted of six persons, three gentlemen and three ladies. One of the latter, Miss Lucy H. Hoag of Albion, has been selected by the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," as a Missionary, and has been appointed to one of the China Missions, and expects to sail in a few weeks.

Some changes have occured in the Board of Instruction during the past year: Rachel Carney, M. S. Preceptress and Professor of Modern languages has resigned. Eugene Haanel A. M., Professor of Natural Sciences, left at the close of the year intending to spend some time in Europe; and Mrs. G. W. Hoag during the year, resigned her position as Matron. These vacancies, however, have been filled, and the Board of Instruction is now as follows:

GEO. B. JOCELYN D. D., President and Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy.

W. H. PERRINE, D. D., Professor of History, Belles Lettres and Art.

REV. J. H. HOPKINS, A. M., Professor of Latin Language and Literature.

M. W. DARLING, A. B., Professor of Greek Language and Literature.

J. H. FASSETT, A. B., Professor of Mathematics.

WM. M. OSBAND, A. M. Professor of Natural Science.

LUCY A. OSBAND, A. M., Preceptress and Professor of Modern Languages.

JULIETTE BRADBURY, M. A. S., Instructor in Instrumental Music.

KATE A. M. BELKNAP, Instructor in Vocal Music.

MRS. JAMES SACKETT, Matron.

The friends of the College are very confident in the opinion that the above named persons constitute a very *competent Faculty*.

During the past year the standard of admission both to the Preparatory and Collegiate Departments, has been raised, and the Course of Study carefully revised. The present courses of study are substantially those of the oldest and best Colleges of the land, and are such as deserve the highest confidence, and the warm support of the church.

The attention of the Committee has been called to the fact that some vacancies exist in the Offices of "Albion College Library and Museum Society of the Detroit Conference." The Committee would request that such Society carefully fill these vacancies; and for information would refer them to that part of the report of the Board of Trustees which refers to this subject. In connection with which will be found a communication of importance from Hon. C. R. Brown of Kalamazoo.

Concerning the finances of the College, your Committee would report in the first place that the moneys collected and expended by the Agent from September 1st 1869 to August 13th. 1871, embracing the so called Debt and Improvement Fund, have not been heretofore reported to the Conference. The Agent did as he was directed to do, and reported to the Board, and his reports were approved, but they did not reach the Conference. The present Treasurer has furnished, the facts concerning this period and we now present them.

The gross receipts from September 1, 1869, to August 13, 1871, were \$29, 593 77.

The expenditures during this period were \$32,401.10, leaving a deficiency of \$2,807.33.

The receipts for the succeeding fiscal year, ending June 27, 1872, were \$14,972.67. The expenditures during the same year, including the deficiency just referred to, were \$14,986.67, leaving a deficiency of only \$13.69.

At the close of the fiscal year ending June 27, 1872, the sum of \$4,951.97, was needed to meet dues. Up to the 28th day of August,

there had been received and applied on this amount, \$2,753.38, leaving a deficiency of \$2,198.59.

This deficiency has been further reduced by church collections which have come into the hands of the Committee during the Session of the Conference. We have been requested to give the names of the charges which have contributed and the amounts:

Pontiac, \$10; Uttica, \$4; Morenci, \$5; Denton and Sheldons, \$3.30; Bay City, \$7; Negaunee, \$3; Mount Morris, \$11; Garland Street, \$2.86; Houghton and Hancock, \$5; Jefferson Avenue, \$4.35; Highland, \$2; Iosco, \$2.50; Franklin, \$2; Marlette, 50 cents; Orion, \$2.50; Port Hope, \$1; Port Huron, \$4; Chesterfield, \$2; Rockland and Maple Grove, \$2; Simpson Church, \$15; Laingsburg, \$8; Saginaw City, \$3.40; Ishpeming, \$1; Calumet, \$12.50; Clarksburg, \$2; Napoleon, \$6; Unadilla, \$4.75; Tittabawasse, \$1.25; Oak Grove \$2; Bellville, \$2; Walled Lake, \$5; Caro, \$7; Linden, \$4. These sums amount to \$136.91, Besides these, the following charges forwarded their collections to M. A. Daugherty, previous to this Session of the Conference:

Lafayette Street, \$10.00; Vassar, \$3.60; Central Church, \$160,00; Wenona, \$12.05; Lee Chapel, \$3.25. Total Conference collections for the Conference year, \$335.81.

Deducting the \$14⁴.91, there still remains a deficiency of \$2.051.68. It may be supposed that this will be reduced to something less than \$2,000 by the collections yet to be received from the Michigan Conference. Whatever remains after such collections will be of the character of a permanent debt. Had every charge taken the collection as requested, this debt would have been greatly reduced. Only 38 charges out of the whole number are reported as having taken collections for this purpose.

The estimated expenses for the coming year, that is, from June 1872, to June, 1873, are \$19.901.97.

Estimated receipts, \$15, 366.00.

Estimated deficiency for the coming year, \$4,535.97. Thus it is seen that there will still be a demand for church collections, and as these collections are very important, and as in all probability they will not be much longer asked for, it is hoped they will receive more general and careful attention.

Your Committee would further report, that on the 25th day of June, 1872, the total assets of the college property, exclusive of the Endowment Fund, were \$76,446.80. The total liabilities at that date were \$16,870.59. This leaves a balance of \$59,576.21, that is to say, the

entire estimated value of College property in and about Albion, on the 25th of June last, was \$59,575.21. Since that date there have been receipts as heretofore stated, to the amount of \$2,753.38.

Besides these amounts there is an Endowment Fund of \$97,424.60. Putting these sums together, we find that they amount to \$159,754.19, which figure represents the value of Albion College property to-day.

But in addition to this is a subscription of \$50,000 completed on the 15th day of September last, conditioned to be paid or secured to the Endowment Fund Committee within three months after \$60,000 is paid to the Committee by David Preston; provided, said \$60,000 is so paid by the 15th day of September, 1873.

When this \$60,000 is raised, we do not say if it is raised, but when it is raised, the College will have an Endowment Fund of over \$200,000, and its entire valuation will be \$267,000; more than a quarter of a million. This will put the institution upon a sure and permanent basis.

But faith without works is dead. Of this perhaps none of us are more fully aware than is Bro. Preston. Accordingly he has issued his circular setting forth his plan for raising this money, and has sent a copy to each of us. He asks not only that the ministry, but that the entire Methodist family of the State assist him in this work.

And, as the interest or non-interest of the members of this Conference will largely modify the result within the bounds of this Conference, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That as members of the Detroit Annual Conference, we do approve the plan of David Preston, as set forth in his circular of September 4, 1872, for raising \$60,000 for Albion College.

Resolved, 2. That we will heartily co-operate with David Preston in executing such plans.

The Committee are informed that two vacancies occur in the Board of Trustees, of the College by the expiration of the term of office of J. W. Sheldon, Esq., and Rev. Seth Reed.

The Committee would recommend the above named persons for reelection for another term.

[These were duly elected September 10. SECRETARY.]

They would also recommend as visitors and examiners for the coming year, Revs. Arthur Edwards, Thomas Stalker, D. C. Jacokes, D.D., W. X. Ninde, Hon. John Moore, Hon. G. W. Fish, Dr. J. W. Kermott, Dr. Charles Rind, and W. W. Whedon.

A. F. BOURNS.

[J.]

DAVID PRESTON'S LETTER.

(See Journal September 10th, A. M.)

DETROIT, September 4, 1872.

Rev.

Detroit Conference Rooms, East Saginaw;

DEAR BROTHER—You know I stand pledged to the Methodist people of Michigan to raise *from them* \$60,000 for the Endowment Fund of Albion College, before the first day of September, 1873. I made this pledge in the College Chapel at Albion, on the 14th or 15th day of December, 1870.

A resolution was brought before the Convention, strongly urging the payment of the unpaid notes and pledges that had been given to Albion College at different times, and to ADD another \$100,000 to the Endowment Fund—\$50,000 to be raised from not more than fifty persons, the other \$50,000 to be raised from the great Methodist family in the State outside of this fifty.

While this resolution was being discussed one of the ministers of the Detroit Conference said, if we took fifty of our best men to raise the \$50,000 from, it would be impossible to raise \$50,000 more from the people. He contended that the \$50,000 should be raised from twentyfive or a less number of persons. Up to that moment I had never thought of making the proposition I did make. I then arose and said, "You may have ten, you may have twenty, you may have fifty persons to raise \$50,000 from, and I will stand with the People, and not only raise \$50,000, but will raise \$60,000 from them." I had faith in the People then, I have faith in the People now. If I can not, with the aid of 400 ministers, with the aid of the Press, and with the aid of the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit, inspire confidence enough, and interest and enthusiasm enough in the hearts and heads of 48 or 50,000 men, women and children who have been washed and redeemed by the blood of Christ, to raise from them the average of \$1 each for sustaining and enlarging the influence of a Methodist College in Michigan, THEN, and not till then, will my confidence in the ability and willingness of the Methodist people of Michigan to give liberally and and to give cheerfully, be abated.

More than twenty months have elapsed since I made this pledge.

I have not forgotten it. It has been in my mind and in my heart every day since. I don't want to forget it. I don't expect to forget it, or to evade it. If God spares my life until the first day of September, 1873, I expect to see it FULFILLED, I do. Not in part, not in pledges, not in notes, but in money; and I expect that every minister in the Detroit Conference, and more than 99-100 of the ministers in the Michigan Conference, want to see this pledge fulfilled; and further, I expect that every one-I mean just what I say-I expect that every one of these ministers (whether old or young, whether rich or poor, whether their salary is \$2,500 or \$500, whether they are superannuated, located, or effective) will aid me in fulfilling this pledge. I don't ask you to do some great thing, to give a large sum of money or a large portion of your time or strength for this object; but I do ask you to stand with me, side by side, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand. Will you? Now, if we thus stand and work together, our Father will be with us, and our brethren will be with us-not 100, not 1,000, not 10,000, but more than 20,000. And I expect this effort to be such a success, the money paid on that day, (the day we make the united effort,) so that it can at once be invested, and the College be honorably supported without having to make any other call on the Church this year.

How and when do you propose to raise this \$60,000?

Answer.—I propose to raise, in sums of \$200 or upwards, \$20,000; this will leave \$40,000 to be apportioned among 48,000 or 50,000 persons. If equally divided, each member would have but 80 or 83 cents to pay. I propose to ask in person (that is by letter) every member of our family in Michigan to take a piece of this Albion College Cake, the value of the pieces will range from 25 cents to \$5,000.

How do you propose to reach this 48 or 50,000 persons?

ANSWER—I propose to send to each charge in each Conference a sufficient number of letters enclosed in envelopes, to give one to every member in each charge, including all our first and second cousins.

In this letter I shall ask each one of these persons to give me something for Albion College on this \$60,000 fund. Those who desire to give \$5 or upwards, I shall ask them to send it directly to me, and I will report to the charge the amount received therefrom before the Public Collection is taken. Whatever may be the result of these letters, I want a Public Collection in every charge in both Conferences, on the same day; also a Collection taken on the same day in each Sabbath School.

When will this Public Collection be taken?

ANSWER—I have not yet fixed the day in my own mind. I think some time in October next.

This is my plan in brief. It may be a very good one, it may be a very poor one. There might be a hundred better ones, there might be a thousand poorer ones. But we can have but *one* plan, and it devolves upon me to say what that one plan shall be. According to the best of my judgment I have named it. If it succeeds according to my expectations, reaching every member and bringing forth a most cheerful and noble response from tens of thousands of willing hearts, it will be a happy day and a glorious triumph for us all. It can, it ought to, it will, it must succeed.

Now, whatever action the Conference may take as a body, I want an *individual* response from *you*, and I want it before you leave Saginaw, that I may embrace in my letter to the Michigan Conference the cheerful and full response of the individual members of the Detroit Conference.

In your reply please give me the name of the S. S. Superintendent on your last charge and the name of another prominent male member and the names of two females and their P. O. address. I desire to have on each charge a Committee of five to co-operate with me in this undertaking, consisting of the pastor (who shall be appointed to the charge this Fall) and two men and two women. I need not say I want the best material there is for this Committee. I would suggest that two of the Committee be taken from the young persons of the Society. If I am allowed to dictate or suggest the balance of the little letter you write to me—for I do not want a long one—it would be about as follows:

"Yours of the 4th inst. is *Received*, READ, BELIEVED and AP-PROVED. I AM WITH YOU HEART AND HAND, and with \$1 or UPWARDS.

Yours truly,

DAVID PRESTON.

[K.]

ON MEMOIRS.

(Adopted September 10th, A. M.)

REV. RANSOM R. RICHARDS departed this life at the village of Hudson, Mich., August 13th, 1872, in glorious hope of eternal life.

His record is both on earth and on high, for he was one of our most valued and valuable ministers. A man of more than ordinary natural abilities, well improved by education, he was well adapted to the work of the Christian ministry. Being a man of determined will and settled purpose, he seldom failed in what he undertook. He succeeded where many others would have given up, in despair. His heart naturally affectionate, was thoroughly subdued by grace, which produced very strong attachments between him and his people. This, together with untiring zeal, made him a very successful revivalist, and many stars will be found in his crown of rejoicing, as evidences of the many who have been saved through his labors. Few men will be so much missed among us as he.

Bro. Richards was born in Warsaw N. Y., July 22d, 1812 and was sixty years old at his death. He experienced religion and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in his native place in 1834, and has always been true to his profession. He came into Michigan in the spring of 1836, and united with the Michigan Conference on trial in 1837. In due time he was admitted to full membership, and passed to the orders of Deacon and Elder. He has served the church faithfully as pastor and as Presiding Elder. The confidence reposed in him was never betrayed and the work never languished in his hands.

Bro. Richards undertook, and prosecuted several church and parsonage building enterprises, to a successful termination, where men of less determination would have despaired. When he went to his last charge, Hudson, a year ago, he found a debt of over two thousand dollars, which operated as an incubus upon them. But he brought to the work a determined hand and a strong heart, and had the proud satisfaction of seeing before his decease every cent of the indebtedness provided for, and a parsonage under contract, with means enough in the hands of the officers of the church to pay for it to the last cent, as the result of the means set in motion by him. He often gathered the trustees around his sick bed and would not be content until the work was completed. This is only characteristic of his success in this department of labor.

Bro. Richards was a manly man, a true Christian, an affectionate husband a true friend, a faithful, earnest and successful minister of the gospel. We might say much more of him, for his ministrations for a period of thirty-five years, would furnish the materials for it. He was a fearless and earnest preacher. He was a genial companion, and in every way a true Christian gentleman. He died at his

post and his remains were conveyed to Ann Arbor, and interred in that beautiful cemetery by the side of a former companion. The sermon was preached by Rev. O. Whitmore from Revelations 14th ch. 13th v: "Thus the Lord lays by his workmen one by one, but still carries on His work."

ELIJAH H. PILCHER, Chairman.

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STEWARDS' REPORT.

(Adopted September 10, 1872.)

DETROIT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIM		Receipts	5	Defic	cit.	Col, : Con Clain	f.
Lee Chapel	J. A. McIlwain J. S. Joslin J. H. Kilpatrick J. B. Varnum T. J. Joslin Thomas Nichols S. Kitzmiller	\$2,000 3,000 2,000 1,600 1,740 800 1,200 900 850 700 950 850 800 1,000 800 700 1,800 900 800	888888888888888888888888888888888888888	3,000 (2,000 (2,000 (1,740 (0)) (0) (0) (0) (0) (0) (0)		\$100 40 30 100 100	00	\$180 20 33 6 78 12 5 2 2 8 3 10 25 8 7	
		\$24,790	00	\$24,320	00	\$470	00	\$375	95

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIM.		Receipt	ts.	Defic	eit.	Col. Cor Clair	ıf.
DISTRICT. Ann Arbor Dixboro Ypsilanti Augusta Grass Lake. Henrietta Unadilla Pinckney Oakville Milan Saline Dexter Chelsea Franciscoville & Leona Lima and North Lake. Hamburgh Brighton South Lyon Milford	L. R. Fisk J. R. Cordon Thos. Stalker A. W. Wilson R. S. Pardington J. H. Curnalia S. J. Brown L. J. Whitcomb D. R. Shier E. Bibbins Jacob Horton R. H. Crane David Casler D. O. Ball W. M. Triggs J. H. Caster J. Levington B. F. Pritchard C. C. Lee	\$1,800 2,200 740 1,900 750 1,200 660 575 1,000 950 950 700 700 700 700 700 700 700 700 950 950 950	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	2,200 650 1,900 750 1,200 750 1,000 660 451 1,000 775 850 700 468 1,250 950	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 45 00 00 17 	123 175 100	555	\$24 3 21 6 100 6 7 5 100 3 9 5 22	00 30 00 50 75 00 00 15 00 00 00 75

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

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DISTRICT Adrian Tecumseh. Clinton & Macon Manchester. Napoleon & Brooklyn, Franklin Addison Hudson Morenci. Fairfield Petersburgh Lambertville. Monroe Dundee. Ridgeway Clayton and Medina Sharon Deerfield & Wellsville. Blissfield & Palmyra.		1,050 0 950 0 1,000 0 1,300 0 950 0 950 0 1,500 0 800 0 800 0	1,050 1,000 1,100 00 1,100 00 940 765 00 980 00 732 00 800 00 566 01,500 00 825 00 785 00 800	000 000	218 oc 100 oc 184 oc 215 oc	6 12 3 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	50 00 40 00 53 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0
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Owosso	Thos. Wilkinson	1,000	- 1			,	\$ 5 00
Corunna	A. J. Richards	1,000 (- 1				10 00
Linden	O. Sanborn	1,050					8 00
Laingsburg	N. W. Pierce	830 (I 00
	H. Hodskiss	700 0	- 1				11 47
Byron	S. Bird	1,000					6 25
Gaines	T. G. Omans	800 (00	700	00	\$100 00	5 00
Oak Grove	James Balls	750 0	00	750	00		13 50
Fenton	H. O. Parker	1,100	00	1,100	00		4 51
Hartland	H. W. Hicks	1,000	00	1,000	00		10 00
	D. B. Miller	650	00	650	00		15,00
Howell	T. C. Gardner	1,000	00	950	00	50 00	6 00
Fowlerville	E. H. Brockway	900 (00	875	00	25 00	2 00
Dansville	S. P. Warner	1,104	00	1,104	00		5 45
Williamston	R. C. Lanning						
Vernon	D. W. Hammond,	120	61	120	61		6 75
Chesaning	W. E. Dunning	800 (00	700	00	100 00	1 00
St. Charles		750	00				2 00
Holly		1,000	1				16 00
Davisburgh		1,100	- 1		1		3 10
New Haven		500	- 1				4 00
Mungerville		544	- 1	484			4 00
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ROMEO DISTRICT.

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DISTRICT Romeo Mt. Clemens. Utica Washington Orion. Rochester Oxford Brandon Lapeer North Branch Marlette Almont Dryden Armada Chesterfield Hadley Goodrich Clarkston Atica Troy.	J. S. Smart B. S. Taylor John Maywood John Wesley A. R. Laing and Nelson Lyon I. Johnson N. Green Thomas Seeleye John Armstrong J. E. Withey J. T. Hankinson R. Gage Hiram Hood and W. L. Armstrong, S. E. Warren G. W. Owen Wm. Birdsall J. O. Bancroft George Deacon	1,200 650 400 1,150 800 1,186 950 850 675 1,000 600 500	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	1,500 800 600 725 750 951 650 400 1,150 800 1,186 850 650 585 950 600 350	00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	\$75 65 249 100 200 89 50	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	\$17 3 122 4 122 5 33 8 8 1 5 5 5 122 8 8 5 4 4 8 8 4	00 00 20 00 20 30 20 15 50 00 25 75 00 40 00
		\$15,770	00	\$14,797	50	\$973	50	\$124	25

FLINT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIM.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf. Claim't
Tittabawassee. Bay City. Wenona. Swartz Creek. Flushing Hazelton.	J. F. Davidson Wm. Fox J. G. Sparling J. Kelly W. Q. Burnett J. B. Goss L. Barnes A. Whitcomb J. Hamilton and T. Wakelin I. H. Camburn H. N. Brown I. M. Fuller Philip J. Wright A. J. Bigelow L. L. Houghton W. Hagadorne J. B. Russell Geo. Stowe Edward Foster E. Steer D. J. Odell J. J. Gurney A. S. Fair L. S. Tedman E. Wigle James Riley J. Hall R. C. Clark	400 00	1,700 00 1,300 00 1,500 00 1,500 00 1,500 00 379 00 850 00 1,000 00 1,300 00 1,300 00 1,300 00 1,200 00 1,200 00 1,200 00 1,200 00 1,200 00 642 00 725 00 450 00 345 00 500 00 825 00	250 00 258 00 258 00 300 00 130 00 50 00	\$10 00 6 25 7 60 22 00 10 00 10 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 6 00 8 50 5 50 2 60 9 50 3 00 5 00 6 01 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 17 00 2 00 18 50
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PORT HURON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIM. Receipts.		Deficit.	Col. for Conf. Claim't
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DISTRICT		\$1,600 00	7 .		
Port Huron		1,500 00			
Gratiot		900 00	800 00	\$100 00	4 00
Marysville	A. W. Harding	550 00	550 00		7 00
St. Clair	A. R. Bartlett	1,050 00	1,050 00		15 00
Marine City	J. E. Whalen	600 00	600 00		2 30
Algonac	T. C. Higgins	670 00	653 67	16 33	5 02
Memphis	C. M. Anderson	600 oc	600 00		3 56
Richmond & Wales		700 00	513 50	186 50	3 00
Columbus		6 0 0 oc		30 00	

PORT HURON DISTRICT-Continued.

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Brockway { Ruby Lakeport Lexington & Davis- ville { Port Sanilac Forester Sand Beach Port Hope Austin Verona Mills Tawas Au Sable Harrisville Alpena Capac Marion Speaker	A. H. Springstein, J. G. Whitcomb. & A. Hubbell. G. M. Lyon M. J. Scott. J. H. McIntosh H. Palmer J. Pugh' S. B. Kimmel W. P. Maywood J. A. Dunlap Wm. Donnelly A. Shepard To be Supplied	1,150 0 700 0 750 0 900 0 1,000 0 220 0 775 0 300 0 1,125 0 800 0 650 0 1,150 0 550 0	700 00 750 00 900 00 1,000 00 220 00 775 00 111 00 800 00 650 00 1,150 00 320 00	230 00 50 00	2 00 2 00 2 00 1 10 3 10 1 00 4 00 50 5 00 45 00 3 00 7 50 1 00

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	CLAIM. Receipts		NAMES. CLAIM. Receipts Deficit.				Col. for Conf. Claim't
DISTRICT Iroquois Indian Mission Marquette Negaunee Ishpheming Houghton & Hancock, Calumet Phœnix & Central Line Escanaba Rockland and Maple Grove Clarksburg Kewawenon Mission	P. Marksman. I. M. Johnson E. W. Frazee. J. M. Gordon. C. L. Church. F. E. York To be Supplied S. P. Murch. To be Supplied J. H. McClure	\$1,500 c 1,200 c 1,540 c 1,210 c 1,210 c 800 c 1,100 c 475 c 900 c	0 1,540 1,080 0 1,210 0 926 0 1,100 0 475 0 900	00 00 00 00 00 00 00	\$120 00	\$10 00 8 00 19 00 20 00 4 00 5 00 7 00		

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Claims, including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conference Claimants.
Detroit	\$24,790 00 18,775 00 17,880 00 19,768 61 24,616 00 15,776 00 19,276 00	\$24,320 00 17,970 12 16,773 00 19,433 61 22,150 00 14,797 50 18,006 17 10,931 00	\$470 00 804 88 1,107 00 335 00 2,416 00 978 50 1,269 83	\$375 95 156 33 152 61 156 75 193 35 124 25 132 98 73 00
Grand Total	\$151,806 61	\$144,381 40	\$7,431 21	\$1,365 22

A. J. BIGELOW,
J. H. McINTOSH,
D. CASLER,

Conference Stewards.

[M.] ON PERIODICALS.

(Adopted September 10th, A. M.)

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: -Bacon says "if any man thinketh philosophy and universality to be idle studies, he does not consider that all professions are from thence served and supplied." With equal truth we may say, that if any man thinketh that our excellent religious weeklies, monthly Ladies Repository, and our solid scholarly Quarterly Review are idle reading, he does not consider that from the reading of these all the interests of the Kingdom of Christ are served. The truth is, that those who are best informed concerning the great movements in the world of religious thought and action, are doing most for the world's regeneration. This information cannot be obtained outside the domain of religious literature, hence the importance of extending that domain. It is a melancholy fact, however, that many Christians do not enjoy the luxury of a weekly visit from a religious paper, and therefore are not made to feel the prodigious influence of a Christian press. Why is there this manifest indifference, in the minds of those who love truth and right, concerning the extent, character and results of the conflicts now going on between truth and

error, Christ and the devil? Why are so many families unchristianly deprived of that knowledge and influence which a religious paper alone can bring? The press is rightfully an acknowledged power in the political, commercial, sceptical and scientific world. Can it be, that those whose duty it is to supply themselves, and others, with the food furnished by religious periodicals, are in ignorance concerning what these periodicals have done, and are doing for the cause of truth and righteousness? If so, then there must, in some way or other, be a diffusion of light on this subject. There is certainly cause for shame, that our periodical subscription list should be so miserably small, when we think of the number, wealth and intelligence of our members. Would that Christians were as anxious to know what is transpiring in the religious world, as politicians are to know what is going on in the political. Greater questions are before the church than those at issue between the dominant political parties of our country; questions concerning doctrine, church government, unification, marriage and education; and it is matter of no small import that all Christians should be made to feel their due weight, and aid in their right settlement. How this shall be accomplished is the question for our editors, publishers, educators and ministers to settle.

It has been said that "our press has not increased in excellency with the increasing demand of our time." This doubtless is true. though we cannot endorse the statement made by a writer in the April number of our Quarterly that "the universal education of the times is too varied and great for any denomination of Christians to provide fully the necessary religious reading for all her communicants." We believe our own church has the power and facilities to do this. "Wide Awake and Fast Asleep," and other things may have deprived our periodicals of a portion of their rightful patronage is no secret. That that patronage has been bestowed on other religious periodicals on account of their demonstrated superiority over ours in matter, spirit and religious power, we do not believe. The methods employed by those who push their religious literature into a domain which legitimately belongs to ours, we deplore, and desire not to imitate. That Methodists both ministers and laymen should recognize the fact that our own periodicals have sought to co-operate with other Christian agencies in battling with false science, false philosophy and false religions, and counteract the influence of an insidious, vitiating and demoralizing literature, seeking to implant a love of virture, and cultivate a spirit of admiration for moral heroism, lifting the church into

a higher spiritual life, and fastening our race to God's throne, none will deny. That they have done this with a power and success unsurpassed by those of other denominations we have no hesitancy in stating. That Methodists should patronize their own periodicals in preference to others, is a proposition needing not to be sustained by argument. What then can be done to increase the diffusion of our church literature? Your committee is of opinion that metropolitan weeklies would fail to ascomplish this work. What we need is, that our members and friends be made to feel that to them as individuals and to the interests of Christianity, a religious press is a necessity and must be supported. The press is a mighty power, and never was it so active and powerful for evil as now. But for it Mormonism, Spiritism, Materialism, and Free-Loveism could not have blown upon society their offensive poisonous breath. The church must have a well sustained spirit-baptized press to battle with these and other colossal evils that threaten our national existence and attack the very foundations of our social and religious fabric. Your committee expresses its gratitude for what our press has already accomplished in behalf of truth and right. It hopes that our Editors and Publishers will use every possible effort to make our periodicals as attractive and powerful for good as the times demand. We heartily endorse our "born editor's" (Rev. Arthur Edwards) request, that the Northwestern Christian Advocate be enlarged and thus placed on an equal vantage ground with the other central papers of our church. We congratulate Bro. Edwards on his exaltation to his present important position, commend him for the variety, life and vigor which he is putting in his and our paper, and pledge him our hearty support.

We commend to the ladies of our church and Conference, the Ladies' Repository as being much superior in matter and tone, to those magazines which captivate by their fiction and fashions. Upon our young ministers, especially we urge the importance of taking our Quarterly Review. The high scholarly repute of its editor, its able articles on the living questions of the day, its synopsis of the Quarterlies, and its terse, comprehensive, appreciative book notices make it a necessity for those who want solid food, and desire to keep posted concerning the "irrepressible conflict" of thought. We commend to the care of Rev. J. M. Arnold, our Sunday School agent, all who desire to select libraries either for themselves or the Sabbath School. The M. E. Church in Michigan is much indebted to Bro. Arnold for the circulation of its literature. We would also state, that by his

earnest persistent efforts, and from small beginnings, Bro. Arnold has succeeded in establishing a Book Depository in Detroit, of which our church, if it owned it, might justly feel proud.

THOMAS STALKER,

Chairman.

[N.]

ON THE SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

(Adopted September 10th. P. M.)

Your Committee do not think it necessary to discuss the Biblical principles underlying the subject, therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, r. That while we oppose the idea of a State Church with as much earnestness as any of our fellow citizens, we are nevertheless the advocates of a Christian civilisation, which is impossible without the Sabbath.

Resolved, 2. That though we as ministers of the Gospel, have no disposition to mingle in the strifes of mere party politics, yet when any party or combination of men conspires against and directly antagonizes the law of God, its teachings whether it is able to give its principles the form of legal enactments or not, tend to the corruption of both public and private morals, and therefore should be resisted by all who regard the law of God or well being of Society.

Resolved, 3. That as no effective religious life either public or social can be maintained without the Sabbath, and as the Christian religion is essential to the very existence of our government and to the perpetuity of our free institutions, it therefore becomes us to be careful that we do not give even a seeming or casual or temporary sanction to the efforts that are now being made to overthrow this dearest and most important of all our Christian Institutions.

Resolved, 4. That the Christian Sabbath has from the beginning been incorporated into our national life and is therefore one of the institutions that give character and stability to our national existence. From the very foundation of this government we have had Sabbatarian legislation, ninety-nine out of every hundred of our American people are satisfied with our Sunday laws, and only regret that they are not, especially in our large cities, more strictly enforced, and they cannot be wrested from us without a struggle. The enemies of religion have mistaken the character of the Sabbath loving people of this country if they suppose that they will tamely yield to be despoiled of this sacred institution without one united and never ceasing effort to save it.

Resolved, 5. That we deprecate the idea that the Sabbath should come to be regarded by the American people as a day of recreation and amusement, and that we will therefore use all proper means to counteract the Romanist and Infidel

teachings and practices on this great question that tend so directly to undermine the Bible law of Sabbath observance.

Resolved, 6. That we will as ministers of the gospel, increase our zeal in preaching on the subject, and by our personal conduct and influence seek to deepen in the minds of all our people the duty of sanctifying God's holy day, and also to resist these insidious encroachments upon the proper observance of the Lord's Day, for we regard it as one of the bulwarks of national morality and one of the surest foundations of its stability.

WM. J. CAMPBELL, J. HORTON.

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ON TEMPERANCE.

(Adopted September 10th, P. M.)

Dietitic temperance may be briefly defined as a moderate use of such articles of food and drink as tend to promote the health of the human organism, and total abstinence of things hurtful. In a normal condition of the body, alcoholic liquors are always harmful and should therefore be totally discarded as a beverage.

The most ingenious, but entirely sophistical, opposite assumption is, that alcohol taken in moderate quantities is a healthful stimulant, while it is conceded that in larger quantities it is a dangerous narcotic. Hence, the inference is sought to be established, that true temperance is moderation in the use of alcoholic drinks, and that total abstinence is fanaticism. It is sufficient to deny the absolute truth of the aforesaid theory, and to remind the public of the unmistakable fact, that the habitual moderate use of these liquors, leads in a vast majority of cases, to an immediate and improper use of them; thus illustrating and confirming the plain teachings of holy scripture, that, "wine is a mocker" and a deceiver, imposing upon all Christian people the solemn duty of totally abstaining from its use, knowing that at last it will bite and sting as the serpent and the adder. It should not be forgotten that one million confirmed inebriates in our country, who are staggering towards a drunkard's doom, at the rate of 100,000 annually, were all moderate drinkers once, and not one in all that wretched throng ever intended to be what the law of habit has made him—the abject slave of a depraved appetite.

Intemperance is by far the most formidable social evil which now obstructs the progress of pure religion and good government in this

country. It is an unmitigated dishonor to our Christian civilization, that the distillery, the brewery and the grog shop are allowed to everywhere stand in juxtaposition to the college, the seminary and the house of worship, while those who vend deadly beverages, outnumber more than two to one the ministers of religion and the teachers of science together.

Temperance as a social reform, is complex and difficult. It is both moral and political—voluntary and compulsory—appealing to us as Christians, philanthropists and patriots. The teachings of the blessed Bible and the motives to a holy life, together with all the other agencies known to an enlightened philanthropy should be faithfully employed for the reformation of the inebriate and to fortify the public mind against the error and danger of contracting an appetite for intoxicating and debasing drinks. With the *liberty*, not the *right* to drink, the civil law should not interfere.

But the legalized or allowed public traffic in liquors is a powerful counteracting and countereducating force, and sustains the relation of an efficient cause to drunkenness and all its attendant evils. For this there can in the nature of the case, be but one adequate and appropriate remedy—absolute legal prohibition, both by state and national legislation. All laws on this subject, ignoring or opposing the prohibitory principle, are unworthy the support of Christian people.

Fortunately, the Statutes of Michigan relating to this subject are correct in principle, although seriously defective in their provisions, and criminally neglected by the executive officers of the State, and the local municipal authorities.

The only remedy for this unfortunate condition of affairs is a more thoroughly enlightened and properly organized public sentiment regarding the inquitious character of the liquor traffic and the duty of Christian citizens at the ballot-box.

In relation to the subject matter of a circular, referred to this committee, we deem it sufficient to say that it is notorious, that not in this State only, but throughout the whole country, there exists an organization, with the avowed purpose of holding the balance of power between the two great political parties pledged to "support no candidate for any office who is not opposed to all temperance and all Sunday laws." How best to antagonize this new, infernal factor in American politics, is a social problem which all lovers of Christ and humanity should labor to solve as speedily as possible. We com-

mend this whole subject, in all its relations, to the candid and prayerful consideration of our people.

We present also, as aids to proper reflection, the following statistics:

The total number of gallons of distilled, brewed and fermented liquors annually consumed by this Christian nation is 325,400,000; or about eight gallons apiece to every person in the land. This is exclusive of the fabrications and adulterations, which are doubtless equal to the amount of purer liquors used for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

The aggregate estimated cost of these liquors to the consumers at retail, in round numbers, is \$900,000,000. It is safe to estimate \$30,000,000 as the annual criminal expenses of the country caused directly by the use of liquors. Rum's share of the nations insanity is about \$25,000,000, and of idiocy at \$3,000,000. About \$50,000,000 worth of grain, or five per cent. of the entire amount of the annual production of breadstuff is converted into poison to corrupt the moral fountains of society, and the people, per consequence, are taxed just so much more for their bread.

Rum's share of the cost of pauperism may be safely put down at \$40,000,000, and interest on capital invested in the entire liquor trade, at \$40,000,000, and the loss of property by fires and other casualties caused by drink at \$30,000,000 more. To this must be added at least \$400,000,000 loss of productive labor on account of importing, making, vending and drinking these liquors. Thus, we have, in this very imperfect inventory, a grand total of \$1,518,000,000, as our annual national assessment in support of the nefarious liquor traffic.

Resolved, That the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage, is not only immoral and anti-Christian, but also a political wrong of unequaled enormity, subversive of the proper ends of civil government, (promotive of Sabbath desecration, ignorance, irreligion, idleness, poverty), domestic infelicity, debauchery and crime; it is in violation of the fundamental principles of political economy, and is therefore, an illegitimate branch of industry and commerce, neither to be taxed nor licensed, but to be absolutely prohibited by appropriate statutes faithfully executed through the executive and judicial departments of government.

Resolved, That as Christian men and ministers of a divine religion, we will not cease to urge the moral and religious claims of the temperance reform upon the people of our respective charges, and that as citizens we will, according to our most enlightened conviction of duty, use our influence for the total suppression of the traffic in intoxicating drinks, ever praying that Almighty God will graciously speed the the day when intemperance in all its torms shall cease to afflict the family of man.

JOHN RUSSELL.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

[For other particulars, see General Statistics.]

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ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

(Adopted September 10th. P. M.)

The Church Extension Society of the M. E. Church, in its origin its status in the action of the General Conference and its adaptation to extend the influence of Methodism stands second only to the General Missionary Society.

As a connectional Body we must maintain our General benevolent interests at whatever apparent sacrifice of local advantages since the general strength and life of the Church secures the final welfare of all its parts. The progress of the Society during the year past exhibits its accumulating power to a gratifying extent.

The annual reports of the Pastors show that while 94 charges gave a collection last year, 111 have reported at the present Session.

It is to be hoped that the time is not remote when this collection shall be faithfully taken in every charge.

We submit the following resolution:

Resolved, 1. That while we appreciate the generous and impartial course of the Present Society towards this Conference we most earnestly commend their attention to the fact that a considerable portion of this Conference is Mission ground having slender means of contribution and urgently requiring aid.

Resolved, 2. That we heartily approve the plan of apportioning the amount need-

ed to the several charges, and earnestly hope each Pastor will endeavor according to the disciplinary plan, to raise the amount thus assessed.

J. M. ARNOLD WM. BENSON.

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MISSION AUDITORS.

(Adopted September 10th, P. M.)

The Mission Auditing Committee would respectfully report as fol lows: We have examined the vouchers in the hands of the Presiding Elders and find them correct. We have also personally conversed with all the preachers who have labored during the past year at places to which missionary appropriations were made, except one or two supplies who are not at the seat of Conference, and we find that entire satisfaction exists in reference to the manner of disbursing the appropriations.

B. S. TAYLOR, WM. M. TRIGGS.

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BIBLE REPORT.

(Adopted September 10th, P. M.)

The Committee on Bible Cause submit as their report the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the operations of the American Bible Society, as a great national Institution contemplating, in union with the British and Foreign Bible Societies, the universal dissemination of the Holy Scriptures, and that we will aim to promote in every practicable way this sublime object of Protestant Christianity.

T. C. GARDNER.

Note.—The amount of money received by the committee is \$75 21 which they have forwarded by drafts to the Treasurer of the American Bible Society, N. Y. All other collections were paid either to the agents or auxiliary societies of the present institution.

DETROIT CONFERENCE REGISTER.

Note—"Div." in the sixth column, indicates the fact that such members fell into the Detroit Conference by the division of 1856.

Will members help the Secretary to fill all blanks. The same request is made to probationers. The fifth column shows time of admission to membership, not to probation.

It will be remembered that all who joined the Detroit Conference in full connection had at least two years of prior service as preachers on probation. Those who joined other Conferences may have done very many years of service before coming here.

Secretary.

NAME.	Born.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION		Came to Detroit Conference.	Post Office.	
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Allen, Alfred Allen, Charles T, Anderson, Chas. Miller. Arnold, John Motte Austin, Charles Wm Ball, David Ogden Balls, James. Barnes, Leemon. Barry, Edward. Bartlett, Alanson Roots, Bancroft, John Orlando, Bell, Andrew Benton, Wm. Hart Benson, William. Bessey, Samuel. Bigelow, Wm. Enos Bigelow, A. Jackson Birdsall, William. Bird, Robert Bird, Samuel. Bibbins, Samuel. Bibbins, Elisha Blades, Francis Asbury, Bournes, Alfred Francis, Brown, Henry Newton,	Penn Mich N. Y N. Y N. Y England. Canada . Canada . N. Y . Ohio La Vermont N. Y Vergland. Ireland. N. Y N. Y England. Ireland. N. Y Mich England.	1842 1827 1826 1836 1820 1815 1820 1832 1816 1821 1821 1825 1821 1836	Michigan. Detroit. Troy. Michigan. Detroit. Detroit. Detroit. Detroit. Detroit. Detroit. Mich. Mich. Mich. Mich. Mich. Mich. Mich. Wesleyan. Wesleyan. Mich. Detroit. Wesleyan. Mich. Detroit. Mich. Detroit. Mich. Detroit.	1845 1870 1854 1851 1866 1867 1868 1868 1870 1853 1846 1846 1843 1857 1857 1848 1841 1841 1848 1848	Div	Clinton. Hadley. Detroit. Fowlerville. Napoleon. Oak Grove. Ishpeming. Hancock. St. Clair. Oxford. Ann Arbor. Plymouth. Deerfield. Dixborough, Flint. Lapeer. Goodrich. Birmingham. Laingsburg. Ida. Tipton. Detroit. Port Huron. Detroit.	
Brown, Samuel Joshua, Brockway, Edwin H Brittain, Flavel Burnett, Wm. Q Calkins, Sylvester Camburn, Ira H	N. Y N. Y Vermont England.	1829 1825 1808 1824	Detroit Detroit Michigan Detroit Mich. Detroit		Div.	Unionville. Byron. Birmingham. Wenona. South Lyon. Cass City.	

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Campbell, Wm. John	England.	1827	Detroit	1862		Belleville.
Caster, Elisha Ezra	N. Y	1836	Detroit	1859		Detroit.
Caster, James Harvey	N. Y	1818	Mich	1858	Div	Hamburg.
Casler, David	N. Y	1840	Detroit	1871		E. Saginaw.
Church, Charles Lewis	Penn	1838	Detroit	1863		Rockland.
Clough, Albert B	Mich		Detroit	1867		Rochester.
Clack, William J	England.		Detroit	1862		Otisville.
Cocker, Benjamin F	England.	1829	Detroit	1859		Ann Arbor.
Curtis, David A	N. Y	1820	Mich	1846	Div	Clayton. Tecumseh.
Clements, Samuel	N. Y		Mich Detroit	1851	Div	Orion.
Cordon, James Robert Crane, Rufus Cullen	England. N. Y		Mich	1853	Div	Greenville.
Crippen, John Wesley	Mich!		Detroit	1859		St. Charles.
Curnalia, James Henry	N. Y	1836	Detroit	1862		Walled Lake.
Davidson, James F	Ohio	1810	Ohio	1833	Div	Flint.
Dean, Lyman Haynes	N. Y	1829	Detroit	1857		Tecumseh.
Dobbins, Jacob	N. Y		Mich	1832	Div	
Donelson, Ira W	D		Mich	1855	Div.,	
Donelly, William	Penn		Detroit	1854		Alpena. Pekin, China.
Davis, George R Dunning, Walter Edson,	Mich	1842	Detroit	1871		Chesaning.
Dunlap, James A	Mich	1843	Detroit	1871		C. 1' 1
Edwards, Arthur	Ohio	1834	Detroit	1860		C12 . X
Elwood, Isaac Newton	N. Y		Detroit	1869		
Fair, Alexander Scott	Canada		Detroit	1869		
Fisk, Lewis Ransom	N. Y			1857	1866	Ann Arbor.
Fox William	Canada.	1829	(1 277	1856	Div	
Frazee, Elias Wetmore, Frazer, Joseph	N. Bruns Ireland.					77 1.
Fuller, James Madison,					1870	
Field, George H	Canada.				1872	Ridgeway.
Gage, Rodney	Mass	1821	N. England	1855	1856	Dryden.
Gardner, Thomas C	N. Y		1 -	1845	Div.	
Gee, Alexander	Mich			1858		3.5
Gordon, John M	N. Y	. 1834		1865	Div.	
Gray, John		1843		1870	Div.	7791.
Green, Nelson	Vermont	1830			1868	
Hammond, Daniel W	Mich	. 1838				
Hamilton, John	Mich	. 1835		1871		Mt. Morris.
Hagadorne, Wesley	N. Hamt	1838				
Hankinson, Joseph T	N. Y		Detroit	1862	D:	
Hascall, Erastus R						4.1
Harding, Abel W Haven, Erastus Otis						
Hazen, Albert R		. 1824	C			
Hedger, Benjamin H		. 1811			D.1	
Hickey, Manasseh	N. Y	. 1820			Div.	. Detroit.
Hicks, Henry W	N. Y	. 1838	Meth. Prot	1860		-
Higgins, Theron Clinton	N. Y	. 1819				Ruby.
Holt Joseph Warren			2011			2 7 7 1
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Jacokes, Daniel C	N. Y		. Mich	. 1842	Div.	. Hudson.

^{*24} Van Buren street. +805 Broadway.

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Joslin, John S	N. Y	1836	Detroit	1866	Div	Pontiac.
Joslin, Thomas Jefferson,	N. Y	1829	Mich Wesleyan	1851	1867	Lambertville
Johnston, Isaac	Ireland N. Y	1819	Mich	1850	Div	Lansing.
Johnson, Peter O Kelley, John	Scotland	1819	Detroit	1863		Bay City.
Kilpatrick, Jesse	Ohio	1831	Detroit	1859		Brownstown.
Kitzmiller, Samuel	Penn	1832	Detroit	1869		Bushnell.
Klumph, Erastus			Detroit	1857		Caseville.
Kimmell, Samuel Bell	Penn	1826	Detroit	1872		Howell. Commerce.
Kilpatrick, James H	N. Y	1844	Detroit	1872	1872	Fenton.
Kerr, Richard	Ireland	1846	Can. Wes	1868		Milford.
Lee, Charles C	Mass	1841	Detroit	1865		New Haven.
Laing, Aaron R	Mich N. Y	1823	Mich	1852	Div	Pt. Sanilac.
Lee, Samuel P Lee, Luther	N. Y	1800	Genesee	1829	1867	Milford.
Lanning, Robert C	N. Y	1819	Meth. Prot	1844	1868	Williamston.
	Ireland	1816	Mich		Div	Detroit.
Levington, John Littlefield, Solomon S	N. Y	1829	Mich	1854	Div	Detroit.
Lowe, George W	Mich	1836	Detroit	1860		Manchester.
Lyon, George Marcius,	N. Y	1829				Gratiot. Marquette.
Mahon, William	Ireland			1856	1865	Adrian.
McCarty, Joseph H	Penn	1830	Erie	1865		Trenton.
McClure, John H	Penn	1836	Detroit Mich	1846	Div	Lexington.
McConnell, Richard	Ireland Ireland		Wesleyan	1845	1867	Detroit.
McEldowney, John McIlwain, John A	N. Y	1831	Detroit	1865		Farmington.
McIntosh, John H	Canada	1834	Detroit	1870		Port Hope.
Maywood, Wm. P	Canada	1842	Detroit	1868		
May, Franklin Wallace,	Mass	1815	Mich	1853	Div.	
Marksman, Peter	Minn	1	Mich	1839	1857	Iroquois Pt.
Mitchell, Lewis	Ireland			1856		Flushing.
Morgan, Josiah George,	Mich		Mich	1850	Div	Swartz Creek
Mosher, Curtis Murch, Silas P	N. Y N. Y			1858		Medina.
Newton, Newel	N. Y		-	1856	1868	Milan.
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Russell, Jesse Barber Russell, John Riley, James Sanborn, Orlando Scott, James W Scott, Marvin J Seeley, Thomas Shaw, Addison C. Shepard, Albert Shier, Wm. Henry Simpson, Charles Smart, James Shirley Stalker, Thomas Stowe, George Sutton, Joseph Swazey Steele, Ebenezer Springstein, Archibald Sparling, John George. Smith, Henry Harrison Steer, Edward Taylor, B. S Taylor, George Taylor, George Triggs, Robert Triggs, Wm. M Tracy, David Burnham. Tuttle, William Van Norman, Ephriam. Varnum, Jos. Bradley. Venning, James Van Every, John M Wortley, J. C Westlake, Eli Whiteley, Duke Walker, John L Warren, Fred'k Wales Warren, Fred'k Wales Warren, Squire Ethan Warner, Silas Phelps Wakelin, Thomas Washburne, Wm. W Way, Wm. Chittenden Wesley, John Whitmore, Orrin Whitmore, Orrin Whittoomb, John Goss Whitcomb, Lewis Jacob Wilsey, Marcenas B Wilson, And'w William Wilson, George Wilkinson, Thomas Wright, Philip J	N. Y Canada N. Y N. Y N. J N. Y Maine England. Mich N. J Mass Canada Ireland Mass Canada England. N. Y England. England. N. Y England. Canada England. Canada England. N. Y England. Canada England. N. Y England. Canada England. N. Y England. N. Y England. Scotland N. Y England. N. Y England. N. Y England. Scotland N. Y England. England. N. Y England. England. England. England. England. England. England. England. England.	1832 1822 1837 1826 	Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Detroit Missouri Detroit Missouri Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Mich Detroit Detroit Mich Detroit Petroit Detroit Detroit Petroit Detroit Petroit Detroit Petroit Detroit Petroit	1863 1845 1871 1855 1867 1863 1868 1850 1861 1863 1848 1841 1861 1871 1871 1861 1838 1861 1838 1861 1838 1861 1838 1861 1838 1857 1840 1857 1840 1857 1840 1857 1846 1853 1843 1853 1844 1872 1863 1853 1853 1853 1854 1859 1858 1858	Div Div Div Div Div Div 1871 Div Div 1872 1872 1872 1872 1872 1872 1872 1872	Fitchburg. Detroit E. Saginaw. Linden. Davisburg. Marysville, Brandon. Southfield. Belle River. Ann Arbor. Royal Oak. Romeo. Detroit. Caro. Denton. Bay City. Freeland. Brockway C. Clarksburg. Utica. Ann Arbor. Blissfield. Highland. Howard, Ill. Lima Center. Petersburg. Fairfield. Unadilla. Saginaw City L'Anse. Monroe. Grand Blanc. Owosso. Columbus. Portsmouth. Almont. Holly. Hazelton. Fenton. Sharon. Washington. Adrian. Millington. Petersburg. Pinckney. N. Hudson. Augusta. Milford. Attica. Dansville. S. Saginaw.
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THE BISHOPS.

THOMAS A. MORRIS Springfield, Ohio.
EDMUND S. JANES New York City.
LEVI SCOTT Odessa, Delaware.
MATTHEW SIMPSON 1,018 Arch St., Philadelphia.
EDWARD R. AMES Baltimore, Md.
JOHN W. ROBERTS Monrovia, Africa.
THOMAS BOWMAN St. Louis, Mo.
WILLIAM L. HARRIS Chicago, Illinois.
RANDOLPH S. FOSTER
ISAAC W. WILEY Boston, Mass.
STEPHEN M. MERRILL St. Paul, Minn.
EDWARD S. ANDREWS Omaha, Neb.
GILBERT HAVEN Boston or Atlanta, Ga.
JESSE T. PECK . Syracuse, N. Y., till Spring, then San Francisco.

PROBATIONERS ADMITTED IN 1871.

- T. H. BASKERVILLE, Escanaba.
- T. DEACON, Troy.
- E. FOSTER, Worth.
- D. HALL.
- A. HUBBELL, Deckerville.
- R. HUDSON, jr., Dexter.
- J. M. JOHNSON, Marquette.

- CHAS. LOCKE, Iosco.
- D. R. SHIER, Oakville.
- J. M. TRUSCOTT, Detroit.
- D. J. ODELL, Watrousville.
- J. E. WHALEN, Menomenee.
- D. B. MILLER, Gaines.

PROBATIONERS ADMITTED IN 1872.

WM. ALLINGTON, Speaker Center. F. PORTER, Clifton.

- G. BETTIS, Swan Greek.
- F. BRADLEY, Lexington.
- N. N. CLARK, Forester.
- J. M. HENRY, Harrisville.
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- J. S. PRIESTLY, Dundee.
- H. W. THOMPSON, Dansville.
- R. WOODHAMS, Port Austin.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DETROIT CON-FERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Detroit District—Jefferson Avenue—Juvenile—Twelve, names not given. New Boston—Conference—Miss Effa E. Fletcher, Miss Alma U. Thayer, Miss Carrie Gifford, Miss Mary E. Young. Denton and Sheldons—Parent—Mrs. Lydia Westfall. Conference—Miss Maria E. Comer, Miss Sarah E. Burrell, Miss Kate Boldman, Jennie Wiles. Belleville—Conference—Miss Mary E. Crawford, Miss Harriet Whitley, Miss Sarah A. Warren, Mis. Sarah M. Cook, Mrs. Ellen Stone, Walled Lake—Conference—John Andrews, Miss Susan Clikeman, Miss Sarah Long. Juvenile—Wm. Carpenter, Albert Tnttle, Ella Moore, Kittie Hulet, Jennie Gilbert, Cornelia Blanvelt, Julia Crickmore, Lillie Green. Flat Rock—Conference—Florence S. Cushman, Matilda Flint, Caddie McCollum, Elizabeth Wallace, Alice Collard, Lois Post. Parent—Anna E. Hitchcock. Juvenile—Thomas I. Hitchcock. Julia A. Rumsey, Jennie M. Garretson, Robert S. Welle. Jennie Wiles. Belleville-Conference-Miss Mary E. Crawford, Miss Wallace, Alice Collard, Lois Post. Parent—Anna E. Hitchcock. Juvenile—Thomas J. Hitchcock, Julia A. Rumsey, Jennie M. Garretson, Robert S. Wells, Mary E. Kilpatrick, Thomas D. Cook, Carrie E. Bird. Commerce—Conference—Mary Hazen. Juvenile—Miss Potter, Jessie Watson. Wyandotte—Parent—Mrs. H., H. Eby, Leander Ferguson, Franklin Nelson. Juvenile—Fourteen—Names not given. Royal Oak and Warren—Conference—Libbie Simpson, Lydia Warrener. Juvenile—Ellie Tay. Farmington—Parent—Emma D. Webster Rosa Gates. Conference—Ann E. Winslow.

Ann Arrore District—Oakville—Conference—Alma S. Wright. Minnie Gris-

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT—Oakville—Conference—Alma S. Wright, Minnie Griswell, Carrie Kingsley, Lucy J. Vedder, Almira F. Hardy, Charlotte M. Beach. Milford—Conference—Sarah Diehl, Julia Potts, Elizabeth Bird, Mary E. Crawford, Mary Birdsell. Hamburg—Conference—Florence E. Bennett, Esther Rorabacker, Hattie A. Pray. Unadilla—Conference—Miss Laura Bird, Miss Mary Ann Bird, Miss Gertrude Brown, Miss Etta May, Mrs. Sarah Ann Boyce. Brighton—Conference—Miss Martha Carter, Miss Jane Oliver, Miss Jane Beach, Miss Sarah ference—Miss Martha Carter, Miss Jane Oliver, Miss Jane Beach, Miss Sarah Hicks, Miss Celia Morse, Miss Flora Marsh. Lima and North Lake—Parent—Elias Westfall, William Wood. Conference—Richard Whalen. Henrietta—Conference—Miss Phoebe Miller. Juvenile—Five names not given. Chelsea—Pareut—Mary Laird, William Laird, Mrs. J. Ward. Conference—Bertha Roedel. Milan—Parent—Miss Julia J. Reeves. Conference—Miss Julia J. Reeves. Juvenile—Miss Florence Wilcox. Dixboro—Juvenile—Frank Culver, Kittie Kimmel, A. Jay Murray, Johnny Miller, John W. Corden, Kittie Geer, Emory Townsend, Alma Voorhees. South Lyons—Parent—Hester A. Walker. Conference—Mrs. Emma Simmons, Miss Renwick. Juveniles—Mattie Cary, Emma Cary, Mary Carsons, John Smith, Pinckney—Conference—Mary A. Burgess, Mary Lone, Ellen McCullough. Ellen McCullough.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—Adrian—Parent—Mrs. S. P. Thompson, Miss Emma Hough, E. W. Mixer, C. D. Todd, L. R. Damon, Dr. V. R. Baker, L. A. Powers. Rev. Wm. Benson, Sarah Carpenter, Stephen Aldrich. Conference—Miss Emma Powers. Sharon—Conference—Miss Sarah Selfe, Miss Swamantha H. Coomer. Morenci—Parent—Miss Ella Greely, Miss Samantha H. Coomer. Eva Sandford. Morenci—Parent—Miss Ella Greely, Miss Samantha H. Coomer. Dundee-Parent—Emma Ingersoll. Conference—Patherine Wilson, Matilda Thoren. Fairfield—Conference—Mrs. Jane Ayers, Mrs. Alexina Morrison, Eva C. Van Norman. Franklin—Parent—Carrie E. Newton. Conference—One name not given. Lambertville—Conference—Eva Mackey. Blissfield—Conference—Katie B. Beagle, Emma J. Kendrick, Alice W. Willey. Ridgeway—Parent—Miss Ella Arner, Miss Hattie Jane Freer. Conference—Miss Ella Pattison. Juvenilcs—Frank Temple, Hattie Barnaby, Marshall Snedcor. Clayton—Conference—Rachel W. Badgley. Napoleon—Conference—Two, names not given. Juvenile—One, name not given. Petersburgh—Conference—Carrie Leach, Floris Van Auken.

Auken.
Owosso District—Corunna—Conference—Maggie Campbell, Maggie Osier, L. H. Powell, Hattie Young, Hattie Van Turgle. Perry—Parent—M. Leroy Stevens, Alice L. Levek, Conference—Mary E. Buck. Juvenile—Libby Fuller. Hartland—Conference—Hattie Marvin, Annie Wallace, Libbie Bailey. Owosso and Bennington—Conference—Two, names not given. Vernon—Conference—Hattie Mostin, P. C. Correthers, Helen Stewart, Almira Hopkins. New Haven—Conference—Mrs. Harriett Parshall. Byron—Conference—Miss Frankie J. P. Whipple, Miss Emma J. Camp. Gaines—Conference—Miss Duette Jewell, Miss Libbie Miner. Iosco—Conference—Mary Brown, Ida Schuyler, Della Page,

Emma Bowen, Libbie J. Locke. Juveniles—Eight, names not given. Highland—Parent—Kitty Millar. Juveniles—Ida Mills, Emma Glines, Libby Marshall, Anne Jones, Bertha Jones, Sarah Mills, Marina Bowman, Anne Holloway, Minnie Anne Jones, Bertha Jones, Sarah Mills, Marina Bowillah, Aline Holoway, Millie St. John, Bell Chatfield, Emma Lanning, Lucy Downs, Harry Waterbury, Susan Moshier. Fowlerville—Conference—Mrs. M. M. Boyd, Miss J. Bigelow. Howell—Parent—Sarah C. Parsons. Juveniles—Nettie Tower, Gertrude Tucker, Cynthia Hedican. Fenton Circuit—Conference—Ella Evangeline Finchman, Gertrude L. Sumner, Victoria E. Harvey. Oak Grove—Parent—Mrs. Hulda M. Pearce, Miss Sarah A. Tazzaman. Conference—Miss Hattie Holcomb, Miss Emma Fuller, Miss Mattie M. House, Miss Ora Ella Shelton. Laingsburg — Conference—Elma A. Martin, Irvin Archley, Mary L. Randall, Hattie E. Mills. Juvenile—Etta Fenner, Helen Simpson, Jessie E. Shannon, Henrietta Sherman. Linden-Conference-Mary E. Curtis, Ida A. Leonard, Sarah A. Durfee, Elsie

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ROMEO DISTRICT—Washington—Conference—Emiley Wesley, Fanny Jones, Jenny Basney, Elizabeth Gass, Maggie Marr, Lillian E. Norton, Sarah M, Austin, Mary Ann Keeler. Armada—Conference—Miss Ella Lyon, Mrs. Sarah Turnbull, Warren Kendrick. Romeo—Juveniles—Twenty-one, names not given. Rochester—Juvenile—Frank Fangboner, Charles E. Hadden, Frank R. Green, Eliza Gerard, Edward Waldron, David A. Goodison, Della Barnes. North Branch—Conference—Mary E. Meyer, Annie M. Galbraith, Addie Lake. Orion—Conference—Mary F. Kelly, Carrel A. Allen, Elva Keeler, Mary O. Snyder, Caroline Vanwagen, Bell S. Albertson, Melissa Hoover, Nettie Predmore. Hadley—Parent--Mrs. Alma A. Henderson. Conference—Mrs. Climena Hutton, Caroline Vanwagen, Bell S. Albertson, Melissa Hoover, Nettie Predmore. Hadley—Parent—Mrs. Alma A. Henderson. Conference—Mrs. Climena Hutton, Miss Salinda A. Bulluck. Jivenile—Katie Vert, Hannah Shults, George S. Hutton, Stephen Thorn. Goodrich—Conference—Miss Sarah A. Baxter, Miss Emma Penyra. Marlette—Conference—Anna R. Henry. Brandon—Parent—Mrs. Armanda L. Bird. Conference—Miss Sarah C. Laing. Clarkston—Conference—Mary A. Walter. Charlotte A. Vliet, Sarah E. Henry, Julia A. Hallenbacker Jivenile—Leonard Clark. Dryden—Conference—Juliette Sutphen, Charlotte D, Albertson, Florence Cooley, Carrie Maynard, Belle Sutton. Chesterfield—Conference—Harriett Gilmore, Henrietta Hall. Oxford—Conference—Willie Bell. Utica—Conference—Veroqua Lewis, Emma E. Fuller, Mary V. Alexander. FLINT DISTRICT—Court Street—Parent—Rev. Wm. Blades, Mrs, C. Blades, Mrs, Margaret Rulison, Mrs. Sumner Howard, Mrs. Mary J. Beardslee, Mrs. Harriett Fairbank. Jiveniles—Fourteen, names not given. Wenona—Conference—Miss Estella Thorp, Miss Nellie Booth. Vassar—Parent—Mrs. Mary E. Scott. Tuscola and Millington—Conference—Angelina Thomas. Flushing—Conference—Three, names, not given. Caseville and Port Austin—Conference—

Scott. Tuscola and Millington—Conference—Angelina Thomas. Flushing—Conference—Three, names, not given. Caseville and Port Austin—Conference—Mrs. Almira Van Dinark. Garland Street—Conference—Emma Zennerman Mary Silsbee, Mrs. Cook. Swartz Creek—Conference—Eva Chapman, E. Rall, Mrs. B. Nichols, Mrs, J. Herrick. *fnvenile—John Evans, Archie Miller, Mary Gilbert, Mary Stannard. Hazelton—Conference. Mrs. H Hough. Caro—Parent—Catherine Campbell, Lizzie Johnson. Watrousville—Juvenile—Libian Stoddard, Libbie Thayer, Sarah Higgins. Dayton and Newberry—Juvenile—L. Gurney, Carrie Fowler. Forest—Parent—Lydia Beagle, E. Tower, Florence Fuller. Bay City—Conference—Addie Wilson, Mary Mulholland, Hattie Beach, Georgiana Raymond—Mayville—Parent—Mrs. E. A. Knox. Conference—Miss Anna P. Wood, A. S. Fair. Thetford and Kearsley—Conference—Miss Etta Runyan, Lorinda Goodenough. Tittabawassee—Parent—Mrs. Iulia A. Lewis. Mrs. Lorinda Goodenough. Tittabawassee—Parent—Mrs. Julia A. Lewis, Mrs. Smith. Conference—Miss Ida E. Davison, Miss Clara Hubbard.

PORT HURON DISTRICT—Au Sauble—Parent—Mrs. Adelia T. Bennett, Miss Effa Fields, Mrs. Margaret A. Miller, Mr. W. H. Rix. Conference—Miss Mary T. Wellington. Juvenile—Herbert U. Wellington, Joseph Murty, Emma Pellett. Alpena—Parent—Three, names not given. Port Hope—Conference—Wise Miss Harvel Whiting Samilae—Parent Miss Stocker Miss Celia Hanson, Miss Hannah Whiting—Sanilac—Parent—Miss Stecker. Richmond and Wales—Conference—Adaline Mysner, Marion Forster. Juvenile—Sarah E. Myers. Marysville—Conference—Tompw Williams, Sarah Jane Scupholm. Ruby—Conference—Marcha Victor Hutchinson, Barbara Atkins. Brockway—Conference—Almira Bradshaw, Margaret Davidson. Juvenile—Susan J. Ross, Sarah M. Bedal, Linda J. Davidson, Elizabeth Houghton, Melzina Bedal. Columbus—Conference—Elizabeth A. Walker. Juvenile—Emma Powric. Austin-Conference-Corinthia Jones.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Calumet—Parent—Margaret Bobbie, Henrietta S. York. Juvenile—Three, names not given. Phænix and Central Mine—Parent—Jane Pearson. Conference—Emma Louisa Grundy, Emma Brel.

WM. J. CAMPBELL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FREEDMEN'S CAUSE.

DETROIT DISTRICT—Simpson Church, W. H. Shier, \$15.00; Belville, J. G. Morgan, \$2.00; Pontiac, T. J. Joslin, \$4.00; Detroit, W. X. Ninde (forwarded to New York), \$81.45; Farmington, J. A. McIlwain, \$2.50.

Ann Arbor District—Ann Arbor L. R. Fisk, \$64.00; Milan, E. Bibbins, \$1.40; Ypsilanti, T. Stalker, \$15.00.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—Ridgeway, A. R. Hazen, \$6.00.
OWOSSO DISTRICT—Fowlerville, E. H. Brockway, \$2.00; Linden, O. Sanborn, \$2.00; Howell, T. C. Gardner, \$3.00.

FLINT DISTRICT—Saginaw City, I. N. Elwood, \$2.00.
ROMEO DISTRICT—Romeo, J. S. Smart, \$1.00; Marlette, J. W. Henry, \$1.00; Chesterfield, S. E. Warren, \$2.00; Utica, J. Maywood, \$2.00.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Ishpeming, J. M. Gordon, \$1.00; Calumet, F. E.

York, \$16.70.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

DETROIT DISTRICT.—Central Church, \$100.00, forwarded to New York; Simpson Church, \$15.00; Trenton, \$2.00; Wyandotte, \$3.35; Flat Rock, \$2.00; Plymouth, \$5.00; Belleville, \$2.00; Southfield, \$1.25; Pontiac, \$2.00; New Boston, \$1.00; Walled Lake, \$2.50; Denton and Sheldons, \$2.35. Total \$138,45.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT—Ann Arbor, \$11.59; Dixboro, \$1..00; Ypsilanti, \$10.00; Augusta, \$2.00; South Lyon, \$2.00. Total, \$26.59.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Negaunee, \$2.00; Ishpeming, \$2.00; Houghton, and Hancock, \$5.00; Escanaba, \$5.00; Clarksburg, 1.00. Total, \$15.00.

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—Negaunee, \$2.00; tshpeming, \$2.00; Houghton, and Hancock, \$5.00; Escanaba, \$5.00; Clarksburg, 1.00. Total, \$15.00.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—Adrian, \$12.00; Manchester, \$4.50; Napoleon and Brooklyn, \$2.50; Franklin, \$4.65; Addison, \$2.35; Fairfield, \$3.00; Blissfield and Palmyra, \$7.00, (forwarded to Chicago \$4.00); Monroe, 2.00; Ridgeway, \$2.32; Sharon, \$2.00. Total, \$42.12.

OWOSSO DISTRICT—Corunna, \$2.00; Linden, \$3.00; Byron, \$2.00; Oak Grove, \$1.00; Hartland, \$1.00; Highland, \$2.00; St. Charles, \$2.00; Holly, \$2.25; New Haven, \$1.00. Total, \$16.25.

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PORT HURON DISTRICT—Port Huron, \$9.35; Port Sanilac, \$1.00; Austin, \$0.50; AuSable, \$2.00. Total. \$12.85.

FLINT DISTRICT—Court St., \$7.19, (forwarded to New York); Tittabawassee, \$1.25; Bay City, \$3.00; Wenona, \$4.00; Swartz Creek, \$1.00; Mt. Morris. \$4.00; Tuscola and Millington, \$2.00; Grand Blanc, \$2.00; Saginaw City, \$3.00; Vassar, \$2.00; Watrousville, \$1.00; Caro, \$2.00; Unionville, \$1.00; Port Austin, \$3.00; Mayville, \$2.00; Pesahganing, \$3.00. Total, \$414.

ROMEO DISTRICT—Romeo, \$1.00; Mt. Clemens, \$2.00; Utica, \$2.00; Orion, \$4.50; Oxford, \$5.00; Marlette, \$1.00; Dryden, \$4.00; Chesterfield, \$2.00; North Branch, \$2.00; Clarkston, \$1.70. Total, \$25.20.

CONF. MISSIONARY TREASURER'S BALANCE SHEET,

RECEIPTS—Total from Districts, \$8,509.65; by a friend, Oxford, \$46.00; by Bro. Gee's children, \$2.00; not specified, \$17.55; Overrun, .41. Total Receipts, \$8,575.61.

FORWARDED—Court St. Flint, \$16.34; Garland St. Flint, \$20.00; Swartz Creek, \$8.00; Caro and Ellington, \$11.65; Cass City, \$3.50; Dayton and Newberry, \$5.00; Clayton and Medina, \$12.00; Ann Arbor, \$34.00; Augusta, \$73.00;

Milan, \$2.00; Milford, \$7.50.—\$192.00.
PAID—Paid to Hitchcock and Walden, per F. E. Parish, \$6,837.27; paid W. J. Campbell \$3.35; paid J. M. Arnold, \$50.00, on publication of Minutes; sent Hitchcock and Walden by draft, \$1,492..99

Amount forwarded and paid out as above, \$8,575.61.